



Straight *talk*

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

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Can You Guess Who I Am?

I schedule, council, hire and fire employees...
No, I'm not a Human Resource Specialist

I work with city, state and national laws...
No, I am not a lawyer or a police chief.

I plan, perform, hire and schedule performers...
No, I am not an actor or agent.

I supervise the maintenance of a building or buildings...
No, I'm not a Facility Manager or Head of Maintenance.

I manage the budget; keep statistics, bills and payroll...
No, I'm not an accountant or treasurer.

I do surveys, county and state reports...
No, I'm not a statistician or city clerk.

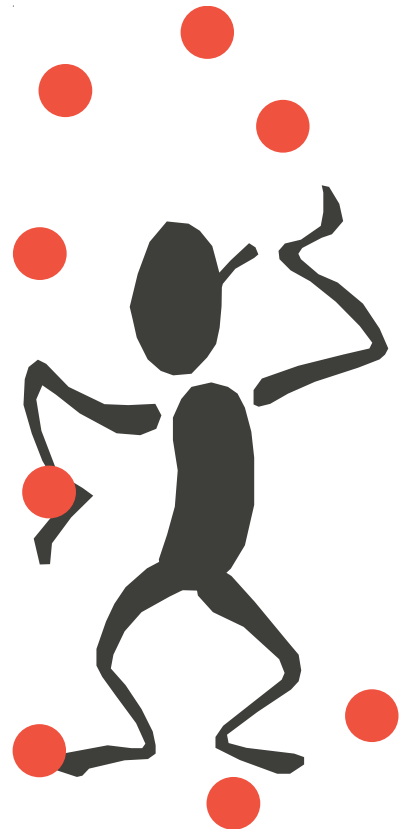
I write news releases, PSA's, Cable TV announcements, create posters, flyers and brochures, speak on the radio.
No, I'm not a Public Relations person.

I help to educate citizens in my community....
No, I'm not a teacher or school superintendent.

I teach computer skills and other things in my community and beyond...
No, I'm not a trainer.

I install programs and troubleshoot computer problems...
No, I'm not a technical support specialist.

I purchase supplies, equipment, and furniture.



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No, I'm not a purchasing agent.

I move or have moved material, equipment and furniture...
No, I'm not a mover or dispatcher.

I track down information....
No, I'm not a detective

I watch over the safety of people in our building...
No, I'm not a security guard.

I speak before and work with the city council, legislators and senators...
No, I'm not a lobbyist or politician.

I work on local, state, and national committees and with a board..
No, I'm not a CEO.

I'm a bit of all these things: human resource specialist, lawyer, actor, facility manager, accountant, statistician, public relations person, teacher, trainer, technical support specialist, purchasing agent, mover, detective, security guard, lobbyist and CEO...

I'm a public librarian.

(taken from article by Peggy Kindschi, Columbus Public Library, Trustee Tale, 2004.)

Reference Book Rescue

Have outdated reference books that won't sell at book sales? Don Ruch of Reference Book Rescue can save those items from landfills and other terrible destinations. His phone number is 402-580-5373.





OCLC Passport Software Retirement

OCLC recently announced the software retirement dates for its current cataloging, resource sharing and union list services.

May 1 2005

OCLC will retire:

- Passport for Cataloging

 - You must migrate before may 1st to Connexion - either the Browser and/or the Client.

- Passport for Interlibrary Loan

- ILL Web

- ILL ME

- ILLiad 6.x

If you use Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME or ILLiad 6.x for interlibrary loan you must migrate to World Cat Resource Sharing (presently referred to as the First Search staff view) or upgrade to ILLiad 7.0.

OCLC is already seeing considerable migration of users from ILL Web to WorldCat Resource Sharing. If this trend continues, OCLC will work with remaining libraries to speed up the migration process. This may result in an earlier retirement date for ILL Web.

June 2005

OCLC will retire Passport for Union Listing. Those who use Passport for Union List activities must migrate to Connexion.

July 1, 2005

OCLC will retire CatME, CJK and Arabic. All users of these interfaces must migrate to Connexion Client.

Cataloging Information

CatExpress Libraries: CatExpress is not migrating to a new interface. CatExpress users already use the Connexion browser interface, so there is no change to the way you currently catalog.

Connexion browser (<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/browser/>) is available and contains all cataloging functionality found in Passport, except for the macros (supported only in Connexion client) and truncated lists. The browser will also include true keyword searching and support for additional browse indexes in the future.

Connexion client (<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/client/>) is available for download. The client is a powerful, Windows-based interface with enhancements such as macros, keyboard customization and integrated label printing.

Important dates for Cataloging

- November/December 2004: Connexion client version 1.20 will be released and will contain most CatME functionality including NACO, authority searching enhancements, local files and batch processing.

1st Quarter 2005: Connexion client version 1.30 will be released including the remainder of CatME functionality, WorldCat true keyword searching, truncated lists and CJK support.

2nd Quarter 2005: Connexion client version 1.40 will be released including support for Arabic cataloging.

Resource Sharing

On August 15, basic borrowing and lending functionality became available in WorldCat Resource Sharing (formerly referred to as the FirstSearch staff view). Libraries that currently use ILL Web at <http://illweb.oclc.org> and have a FirstSearch account may begin moving their workflow to WorldCat Resource Sharing at any time. Other libraries may wish to consult with NEBASE about the best time for their ILL workflow to move to the new WorldCat Resource Sharing.

December 2004: Version 7.0 of ILLiad will be released and will ensure ongoing interoperability with the OCLC interlibrary loan service. ILLiad users will see a new search form for sending requests. All updating and downloading will happen automatically and in real time. All libraries currently using OCLC resource sharing that do not have access to FirstSearch can log on to WorldCat Resource Sharing.

December 2004-April 2005: WorldCat Resource Sharing will gain additional features.

December 2004: Users of Passport for ILL and ILLME can migrate their workflow to WorldCat Resource Sharing thanks to several new features:

Custom holdings will create lender strings for serial requests based on year(s) of holdings information in local data records This will allow you to request photocopies from only those institutions that own the volume and issue that you need.

Integration with Policies Directory data will deflect requests based on group membership, geographic region, fees, formats, non-circulating policies, etc. As a lender, you will receive only those requests that you can fill.

Local holdings information from your web-based OPAC will be added to Pending requests paving the way for a later enhancement to create picklists.

Second Quarter 2005: WorldCat Resource Sharing will experience downtime during migration to a new technology platform. OCLC will provide advance notice of the time and duration, and work to minimize the impact on libraries.

May 1, 2005: OCLC will retire Passport for ILL, ILLWeb, ILL ME and ILLiad 6.x. All users of these interfaces must migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing or upgrade to OCLC ILLiad 7.0.

Union List

June 2005: OCLC will retire Passport for Union List and one of the Connexion interfaces will support local holdings (LDR) maintenance. OCLC will decide which Connexion interface will first include this functionality in December 2004 at the latest, and will release more details about the migration over the next few months and as well as when this decision has been made.

Questions?

Contact Christa Burns at the Nebraska Library Commission if you have questions or comments. You can contact her by email at: cburns@nlc.state.ne.us or by phone at 1-800-307-2665.



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One Book, One State

The Willa Cather Foundation, the Nebraska Library Commission, and the Nebraska Center for the Book announce the designation of Willa Cather's *My Ántonia* as Nebraska's **One Book, One State** selection for March-April 2005. Citizens across Nebraska will be invited to read the classic novel *My Ántonia* by Nebraska's own Pulitzer Prize-winning author Willa Cather. Posters, information about *My Ántonia* and Willa Cather, discussion questions/ideas, and other information will be available by the end of the year. The goal is to have every community in the state complete its activities by the end of the third week in April in time for a statewide program on *My Ántonia* to be held in Willa Cather's Red Cloud.

Participants in One Book/One State from across Nebraska will be invited to attend the Cather Foundation's 50th Annual Spring Festival on April 29-30, 2005, in Red Cloud, Nebraska. Cather scholars from throughout the United States will be available to lead discussions and answer questions about *My Ántonia*.

A writing competition will be conducted for secondary students in schools across the state. Winners will receive prizes and awards at the 2005 Spring Festival in Red Cloud on April 29th in special ceremonies at the newly restored Red Cloud Opera House.

Public Library Statistical Report Forms Available

The Nebraska Public Library Statistical Report survey is available from Bibliostat™ Collect at: <http://collect.informata.com>, starting October 15, 2004. All public libraries are required to submit statistical data about library services and operations on an annual basis. Instructions and passwords will be mailed to all public libraries, and the deadline for data submission is January 31, 2005.

If you cannot locate your password and instructions, the Northeast System office has copies of the information. For additional information, contact [Kit Keller](#), *Library Commission Planning and Data Services Coordinator* at 402-471-3216, 800-

Library Drop Box Available

St Edwards Public Library has a drop box with a key that they would like to give away. It is about the size of a postal mailbox. For more information, contact, Deanna Reardon at St Edward Public Library at 1-402-678-2204 or by email at: sepl@gpcom.net.





Congratulations to Ruth Beal, trustee for **Clarkson Public Library**, for winning the Trustee Citation Award at the Nebraska Library Conference in Grand Island. This award is given to those individuals who have advanced library service in their community.



FISH Tidbits

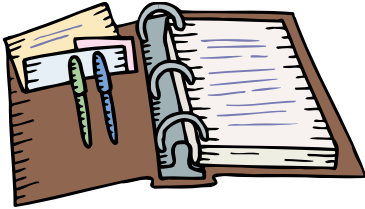
The FISH philosophy, created by those fun-loving fish mongers of Pike Place Fish Market, is all about creating a more interesting, playful, energetic and customer oriented workplace. Here are some tidbits from the NLA conference:

It's About Relationships. Be there for each other by staying focused on what we're doing--and how we're doing it.

It's About Attitude. Good and bad things happen every day, but you can always choose your attitude!

It's About Play. We know doing things is more fun when we throw ourselves into it, so let's bring joy to work!

It's About Making Their Day! A kind gesture--big or small--makes others feel good!



Check Your Calendar

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 12 - **Nebraska Library Commission Meeting** at the Nebraska Library Commission from 9:30am-12:30pm. Contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at 402-471-2045 or 800-307-2665 for more information.

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 19 - **Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries Meeting** at Little Priest Tribal College in Winnebago at 9:30am.

November 22 - **Egret to Cattle: Thanks for the Ride! -- Unlock the Keys to Em-**

ployee 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.

December 31 - **LSTA Grant applications due** by 3pm at the Nebraska Library Commission.

January 19 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at Northeast Commu-

nity College Library at 10am.



New at NELS

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

Making Copyright Work For Your Library, College of DuPage, Video, 2004, 2 hours.

Confused about how the latest installment of copyright law affects you? Three leading copyright experts: Carrie Russell, Copyright Specialist, ALA Washington Office, Kenneth Crews, Professor, Indiana University School of Law and Edward Valauskas, Follett Chair in Library and Information Science, Dominican University, give their views of the key issues facing librarians and educators and share their thoughts and projections for the future of copyright in the digital age.

The Little Homework Center That Could - Tutor's Manual by Gaea Shaw & Susan Booker, Lafayette Public Library, 2004.

This manual outlines the library's mission, tutor's responsibilities and effective ways to help students with their homework.



The **Clarkson Public Library** will be celebrating National Children's Book Week with a program featuring Jerome Kills Small. Jerome will be telling children animal stories that have been passed down for generations. His program is courtesy of the Nebraska Humanities Council. So on November 14th at 2pm, stop by the library for an afternoon of storytelling and refreshments.

Neligh Public Library celebrated Halloween for a week with pumpkin painting, spooky story telling, Teen Book Group and Edgar Allen Poe and a costume party.

"An Empty Place at the Table" was a special "Food for Thought" program on October 20th at **Hruska Memorial Public Library**. The program provides a symbolic display of an elegant table with an empty place in memory of those who are lost as a result of domestic violence.

Congratulations to **Meadow Grove Public Library** for winning the Web Junction Technology Planning Award (Level 1) for 2004. Meadow Grove won the award for their plan to increase computer services and how the services would fill a community need. All winners will be considered for grand prizes in each category, selected annually (during the summer) at the anniversary of WebJunction's launch.

A loud crash was heard at the **Osceola Public Library** this

past summer. When Paula Johnson ran to investigate, she discovered that a car had run into the library! The chip controlling the car's brakes failed. No one was hurt and repairs are being done to the library.

Congratulations to Maelyn Toelle of the **Battle Creek Public Library**; Debra Nadrchal, **Clarkson Public Library**; and Julie Osnes, **Wayne Public Library**. They won a year's membership to the Mountain Plains Library Association at the Nebraska Library Association Annual Conference in Grand Island.

Shelby Public Library is hosting a craft show as a fundraiser on November 13th at the Shelby Legion Club.

Check out the new 'Teen Central' area at the **Albion Public Library**. A nook was decorated with funky lamps, shaggy pillows and librarian, Mari Hosford, says "It's been amazing. The kids love it and are using it all the time."

The Nebraska Tourism Outstanding New Event of 2004 was the Tilden Prairie Days. The Smithsonian Exhibit of 'Listening to the Prairie' held at the **Raymond Whitwer Public Library** played a major role in the festival. Hats off to Dixie Kucera and her staff for a job well done!!

Nebraska Regional Center in Norfolk was the proud recipient of NLA Special & Institutional Section's "Promotional Award for 2004". Ellen Weed, librarian, received the award for

her creative marketing of the center's library collections and services to the patients and staff of the Regional Center. Congratulations Ellen!

Laura Alt and her staff received training on CPA and a defibrillator that will be housed at the **Shelby Public Library**. The machine is very easy to use with guided interactive voice instructions and applies a shock only when needed.

South Sioux City Public Library had its grand opening of the new building on Saturday, October 9th. The library's cornerstone was laid by the Nebraska Masons. A children's ribbon cutting ceremony was held later in the day with family activities held throughout the day.

Nancy Fredrickson reports that the new **Graves Public Library** in Wakefield is going up right on schedule. Nancy hopes to announce the grand opening within the next few months.





Dear Doctor Tech:

Dear Doctor Tech:
Whenever I start my computer, strange programs appear and disappear. I've gone to the program itself and cannot find the option to not begin at start-up and there is no shortcut in the start-up folder. The programs don't appear to hurt my computer but it's driving me crazy!

Signed,
Crazy

Dear Crazy,
Programs can be launched at start-up by several different means. In addition to the Start-up folder, there is the All Users Start-up, the Run registry key located in HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, the Run registry key located in HKEY_CURRENT_USER, the system services list, and others. There is a free program available that lets you control what programs run when your computer is started. The program is called Start-up Control Panel and is available at www.mlin.net/StartupCPL.shtml. Startup Control Panel lists all the programs scheduled to run at startup and gives you the option to disable these programs from running at startup.

Startup Control Panel is compatible with Windows 95, 98,

98SE, ME, NT4.0, 2000 and XP. It can be installed as a stand-alone program or you can make it part of your control panel. It's easy to install and even easier to use. Just be careful not to turn off any programs that you might need!

Dear Doctor Tech:

When Daylight Savings Time ended, I tried to update my computer clock. When I double checked the computer clock against clocks throughout the house, I quickly became confused. Everywhere I looked had a different time; the microwave, the car radio, etc. How can I be on time for any appointment when every clock I look at gives me a different time?

Signed,
Lost in Time

Dear Lost,

Clocks with incorrect settings

can make you or your computer late for scheduled tasks and appointments. And how can you be sure that the time you get from television, radio, or the bank clock is actually the correct time? It's a problem that has plagued mankind since... well who knows what time it actually was?

Now we can be reasonably sure that we get the correct time thanks to the good ole U.S. government. Visit www.time.gov and click on *your time zone*. A small Java application will return the correct time within a very small margin of error. Now you will never be late again.

Doctor Tech Extra:

Does your Microsoft Office dictionary carry some misspelled words?

Select Tools/Options/Spelling & Grammar/Custom.Dic. Select Dictionaries/Edit. A list of your customized words should appear. Edit the word and save!



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Need more C.E. Hours?

Does your board need more continuing education hours but traveling is not an option? Call your friendly system administrator and she will come and talk to your board regarding the following issues:

- What is the public library's legal basis?
- Trustees responsibilities & duties
- Librarian responsibilities & duties
- Trustee orientation
- Why plan?
- What library policies do you need & why?
- "Open" meetings law

@ Your Library Black & White Newspaper Ads Available

Available at the System office is a CD with black and white newspaper ads. There are four different themes: Take Flight @ Your Library; Find True Love @ Your Library; Grab It All! @ Your Library and Play The Field @ Your Library. The ads are also available in Spanish. All the ads are in a high resolution format and are in a jpg or tiff format. The CD was distributed at the recent Colorado Library Association Annual Conference and have wording advertising Colorado Libraries that will need to be removed. This can be easily done with a good graphics editing program like Adobe Photoshop. If you do not have access to Photoshop, call the System office at 1-800-578-1014 and we can do it for you!

CDs Available from U.S. Air Force Band

The United States Air Force Band produces and distributes compact disc recordings to complement its live performing mission. These recordings are approved by the Dept. of the Air Force for use in public service broadcasting, recruiting, educational activities, troop morale and retention. The Band's CDs are not for sale, but are distributed to radio stations, public libraries and educational institutions.

The Band is willing to send a collection of their recordings to interested public libraries. They only ask that the CDs be placed so that everyone in the community may enjoy them. If interested, contact:

The USAF Band
Office of Public Affairs
201McChord Street
Washington, D.C. 20032-0202
Fax: 202-767-6474

Please allow up to six weeks for delivery.





Winter Reading For Grown-ups

Winter seems to be the time adults want to curl up with a good book. Here are some ideas for book discussion clubs. How about "Coffee and Crime" or a "Yesterday's Hits" theme with folks reading bestsellers from the fifties or sixties. How about books that have been made into movies with the theme of "Reel Books"? Another idea is to use a color theme display - Blue Book Value, Red Any Good Books or Follow the Yellow Book Road. Once you get your adult patrons started, have them suggest what others might read. They can make suggestions, review books or add comments. Some libraries use up leftover summer reading prizes, others give out candy or snazzy pens as rewards. Readers might even be asked to contribute a "white elephant" prize to be awarded at the end of the program.

We've Got the Whole World in Our Books

We've got the whole world in our books
 We've got the whole wide world in our books
 We've got the whole world in our books
 We've got the whole world in our books

We've got Curious George in our books
 We've got Ralph S. Mouse in our books
 We've got Arthur and D.W. in our books
 We've got the whole world in our books

We've got Bosnia and Somalia in our books
 We've got Vietnam and China in our books
 We've got Texas and Alaska in our books
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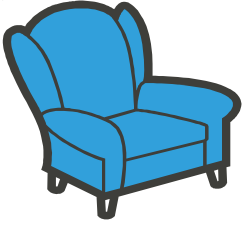
We've got the mountains and the rivers in our books
 We've got the sun and the moon in our books
 We've got the earth and the planets in our books
 We've got the whole world in our books

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 We've got Martin Luther King in our books
 We've got Mahatma Ghandi in our books
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We've got jazz and tap in our books
 We've got classical and country in our books
 We've got rock and roll in our books
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(sung to: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" [in public domain])

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The Reviewer's Chair

Tanya and the Red Shoes

By Patricia Lee Gauch

Tanya is a young ballet dancer that yearns to be able to dance sur pointes (on pointe). She longs to have a pair of red toe shoes and perform wonderful twirls and leaps. But she finally realizes one has to wait for time to pass before we can realize our dreams.

With a reading level for grades 1st through 3rd, I recommend this book for both school and public libraries.

-Joan Chilvers Pierce, NE

Exploring Space

By Gregory Vogt

This non-fiction book is filled with up-to-date facts about past, present, and future of space travel. It contains real pictures with great information detailed and completed. It would work wonderfully for report writing.

With a reading level of middle to upper elementary, I would consider this book a good choice for both school and public libraries.

-Sharon Kinnan Oakdale, NE

The Kin: Po's Story

By Peter Dickinson

It's about two hundred thousand years ago. The Kin are following a river that is drying up, desperately trying to find a new land where they will have abundant food and water. As they are moving, their path is suddenly blocked by a huge marsh filled with quicksand and crocodiles.

Po is a young boy in the Moonhawk tribe of the Kin. He is approximately 12 or 13 and is often put in charge of being the lookout. Po is a dreamer and usually when he was supposed to be watching for danger, he was dreaming of finding a new land for his tribe. Po decides one day that he would become a hero and he decides to go out all alone and search for a new land that will bring food and water to his people. Po finds out that the marsh holds many secrets, secrets that could mean life or death.

Peter Dickinson writes of a great adventure and places the reader in a fascinating wonderfully imagined prehistoric world.

This book would be a good addition to a juvenile or young adult section in a school or public library.

-Richa Perkins Schuyler Public Library

Night Lights By Steven Schnur

A picture counting book that starts by describing what Malinda sees out her bedroom window when she goes to bed. The book has a crayon effect with very simple wording because the author wants the reader to focus on the pictures and let them tell the story of Malinda and her counting of objects, from one to twenty; to a grand finale of one million stars.

This book approached counting a little differently than some books which usually use animals as a theme. Smaller children will enjoy counting along with the reader.

With a reading level for preschool to 2nd grade, I recommend this book for both school and public libraries.

-Carol Tramp Wynot Public School





Molly and the Magic Wishbone

By Barbara McClintock

Molly, the kitten, receives a magic wishbone and has to decide how to use her wish.

This book has all the features that attract young readers: soft, animal characters, magic and wishes, family, and a happy ending.

The theme really shines through in this book, when Molly uses her wish to save her sister rather than to have beautiful clothes.

With a reading level for Preschool to 3rd grade, I recommend this book to both school and public libraries.

-Linda Hughes West Point, NE

Eye of the Wolf

By Daniel Pennac

This is a mystical, mythical, fantasy-like story. Blue Wolf led a happy life with his pack of brothers and sisters until he was captured by a group of hunters. Although he put up a valiant fight, he lost the use of one eye in the struggle, and ended up in a string of zoos. He was not comfortable with the strangers, especially the young boy who came to stare at him every day.

The young boy was not happy either. He was named Africa, after the land of his birth. He loved the animals of his country and had a special talent for

communicating with them. However, he had led a nomadic life of being sold or traded from one owner to another. Eventually, he was adopted by a loving, elderly couple, and moved to the *Other World*.

Blue Wolf and Africa met at the zoo. To make Blue Wolf comfortable and to feel that they were on the same level, Africa closed one eye, and the two were able to communicate through their shared experiences.

This story is relatively short and easy to read. However, the spiritual nature of the storyline may be a little too deep for a young audience. It might make for good discussion for older readers.

With a reading level for 4th grade and up, I would recommend this book to both school and public libraries.

-MeMe Smith, Schuyler Public Library

The Year of the Hangman

By Gary Blackwood

Creighton Brown is the fifteen-year-old main character in this alternate history during the American Revolution; England won the Revolutionary War. Kidnapped from England by his uncle and taken to the American colonies, Creighton is befriended by revolutionaries such as Benjamin Franklin and Benedict Arnold. Initially lazy, irresponsible, and totally loyal to

England, Creighton's attitude and allegiance gradually changes to the Patriots.

The historical facts in the book are comparable to those in books that are actual historical accounts. Real and fictional characters are interwoven very well throughout the story.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Although an alternate historical account of the events in the colonies, it was quiet believable. The book jacket indicates the tale nearly jumps from the page with nonstop action, surprises, and suspense and I totally agree. I definitely recommend this book, especially for young history buffs. It is very fun to read and I believe that both males and females would find something to enjoy in this book.

With a reading level for 4th through 9th grade, I recommend this book to both school and public libraries.

-Deb Daehnke, Wayne State College

The Worst Best Halloween Ever

By Barbara Robinson

The hilarious events following the Herdmans' continue in this story surrounding Halloween. Because of the mischief, pranks and stealing other kid's candy by the Herdmans', the mayor declares no Halloween in the town. Mr. Crabtree, the principal, comes up

with an idea of a huge party at the school put on by staff and parents as an alternative event, but there will be no Halloween candy. Because of the no candy policy everyone feels that the Herdman kids won't show up and a good time can be had by all. The reader will laugh out loud as the story unfolds as the Herdmans' manage to make the Halloween party an event to remember. All who pick up this book will be entertained from 3rd grade on up. A must book for public and school libraries.

-Pat Thompson WSC



Scholarships Available

The Nebraska Library Commission is also providing scholarship opportunities for students registering for any of the Library Technical Assistant courseworks through the Nebraska Community Colleges. Visit the following web address to see the requirements for the application process: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/LTA/ltrascholarship.htm>
Contact Pam Scott, Continuing Education Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission, email: pscott@nlc.state.ne.us for additional information.

Are you wanting to learn more about the library science field in general or about public services, or collection management?

If you answered yes you might be interested in any of the three different courses that will be provided through three different community colleges in Nebraska.

Don't delay! Registration time is here. Any of the classes listed below are part of the requirement for the Library Technical Assistant Associate of Arts Degree.

LIB 101 XW (LIBR 1010) Introduction to Library and Information Services

Provided through Metropolitan Community College (Metro), Winter Term, 2005 (January 10, 2005-April 22, 2005)

Format: Online

Contact Gretchen Schaeffer, student advisor, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha at 1- 800-228-9553

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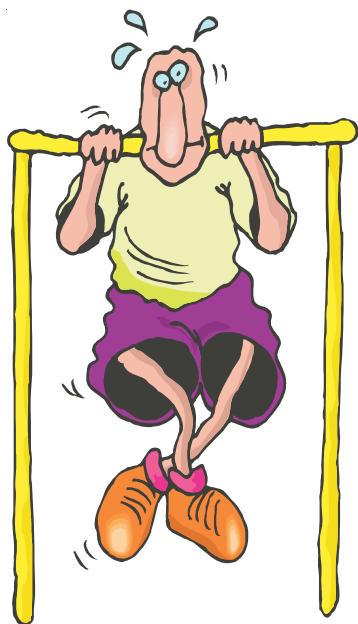
LIBR 2200 INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

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***Get Real, Get Fit!* Grant Available**

Libraries of the Future, with support from MetLife Foundation, is sponsoring *Get Real, Get Fit!*, a national library-based program promoting healthy life-styles for teens. Libraries will bring together teens and their parents or caregivers for discussions and activities sparked by literature and film that emphasize the benefits of fitness and healthy eating. Public libraries of all sizes and types are invited to apply. Each library will partner with one or more community organizations or schools and may utilize outside experts and facilitators to enhance the effectiveness of the program.

The program aims to help combat the growing epidemic of obesity and physical inactivity among young people. Through library collaboration with community partners, *Get Real, Get Fit!* will also serve to increase awareness and use of public libraries as key resources for health information.

Libraries are invited to submit proposals for participation. Forty libraries across the United States will be selected. Winners will receive a cash grant of \$1,500 to \$2,500. **The deadlines for proposals is December 10, 2004.** The RFP and application are posted at: http://www.lff.org/news/GRFG_rfp.html. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Ratner at mratner@lff.org or at 914-723.7923.

Grant winning libraries will be notified in January. Library staff will receive training, program resources and support from Libraries for the Future. Representatives from participating libraries will convene in New York for a two-day training workshop in March.

Nebraska Humanities Grants Available

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) mini grant deadlines are due January 1st. Mini grants (\$1,500 or less) have a grant deadlines every two months. It takes about one month after the due date to learn the results of a mini grant application.

These grants are available to not-for-profit organizations for a wide variety of humanities programs, projects and events. These grant opportunities help build community, reach out to and involve diverse populations, provide unique educational experiences, encourage civic dialogue, enhance appreciation of our history and literary heritage, etc. NHC grants fund public lectures, discussion programs, exhibits, films, book festivals, etc.

The council encourages cooperative projects that help ensure broad community interest. Applications must demonstrate that the humanities are central to the project. All projects must include humanities resource people. Usually, the humanist is a college or university professor in a humanities discipline. When non-academic humanists are chosen for projects, the applicants must provide sufficient background information to show that they will capably represent the humanities.

More information and grant applications can be found on the Nebraska Humanities Council website - www.nebraskahumanities.org - or by calling Peter Beeson, NHC Associate Director at 402-474-2131, Ext. 104.

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