

Panhandle Sun



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Nebraska Libraries Future Search Outcomes and Ideas: Keeping the Discussion Going



Many Nebraska librarians, staff, boards and others participated in either the Nebraska Libraries Future Search conference, or in focus groups for the conference. We certainly want to keep the conversation going and provide follow-up information on some of the ideas that have come out of that conference. So, the Nebraska Regional Library Systems will share a topic bi-monthly based on 12 Vision Statements from that 2008 conference. If you want to use these for conversations with library boards, friends, or your community that would be a way to ensure the discussion continues. Nebraska Library

Commission will provide continuing education credits including for library trustees if you put it on the agenda and discuss during a board meeting. A series of questions and activities to choose from in helping initiate the conversation are listed below the vision statement. We suggest choosing at least two questions and two activities, however you can choose as many, or all – and utilize throughout 2009, as a way of continuing the Nebraska Libraries Future Search discussion.

Vision statement to consider: *The library is a vital hub, woven into the fabric of the greater community, responding to and empowering people through local and global connections.*

Questions:

Talk about ways your library is a hub within the community, or services that might reflect the library's involvement in the community as a whole locally and beyond.

Let's say a newspaper wants to do a story on the library and the role it plays in the community, what would you list? Provide examples of how library services impact library customers in their day to day lives. Talk about connections made locally, regionally, statewide and internationally.

List community and customer needs that are prevalent today. Are there ways library services can assist in responding to those, or perhaps are already responding to?

Library websites are one way of providing access to library services and information around the clock. Two of many are Holdrege Public Library at www.holdregelibrary.com, or Bennington Public Library at library.bennington-ne.com/ where the possibility to chat or blog is available anytime.

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Libraries are also investigating the use of kiosks, or mall locations where the library is placed where people tend to congregate. Connecting the library to customers with particular needs such as ESL or finding a job, and partnering with organizations like a literacy council or Nebraska Workforce are examples of services provided as a direct response to a particular need while collaborating to make the most of community wide resources. List outreach services your library provides, or might consider developing, or partnerships with other organizations that reinforce the library as THE community center – the place that will “connect” individuals with product in response to customer need or desire, within or outside the walls of the library during the hours the library is open or closed.

Activities:

Nebraska libraries include the Library Bill of Rights as part of policy which lists service to all people of the community not restricting access based on origin, age, background or views. Review the Library Bill of Rights at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/statementspols/statementsif/librarybillrights.cfm>.

Veronda Pitchford, of the Urban Libraries Council, was the speaker at the Fall Colloquium October 2008. Their publication: *Welcome, Stranger: Public Libraries Build the Global Village* is a great resource for libraries of all types for strategies in welcoming and helping immigrants in transitions into the community. It also provides information on the major role libraries provide in this process. You can find copies of this publication to borrow, 17 pages, as well as the 25 page toolkit at the Nebraska Regional Library Systems’ offices and the Nebraska Library Commission, or on the Urban Libraries Council website: <http://www.urbanlibraries.org/publications/print.html>. Review and discuss for insight in successfully serving a growing constituent in Nebraska.

Nebraska Regional Library Systems and Nebraska Library Commission have copies of Kathleen de la Pena McCook’s book: *A Place at the Table: Participating in Community Building*. It outlines methods for ensuring that librarians are a part of community discussions, planning and problem solving with tools for strengthening community partnerships and connections while promoting the library’s assets. Use the book to begin discussion for building community collaboration and empowerment through library services and involvement. Or take a look online at McCook’s – A Librarian At the Kitchen Table - <http://www.urbanlibraries.org/publications/print.html>. The blog provides great articles for discussion and consideration, as well as timely information on libraries building community in a variety of settings.

Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community by Robert D. Putnam was a national bestseller and provided provocative ideas on social change focusing on American behavior increasingly disconnecting from each other and social structures. Listen to an interview with Professor Putnam on NPR’s All Things Considered: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1074874>. Listen as a group and use for discussion. What do you agree or disagree with? This program and book were published in 2000, how are things different or the same in 2009? For more information on the book or Putnam go to: <http://www.bowlingalone.com/>.

Please feel free to share your comments and feedback from these discussions and exercises. Nebraska Regional Library Systems will be posting bi-monthly discussions on system e-mail lists, newsletters and websites. We are also exploring ways of presenting the discussion in an interactive online format that could involve statewide participation. There is a Nebraska Libraries Future Search wiki hosted by Nebraska Library Commission where we can post discussion information and feedback: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/wikis/fs/Whats%20Next.ashx>.

Panhandle Library System News



PLS has added new titles to its professional resource collection. The professional resource collection, which includes books, CD's, videos, and software, is available to any member library. PLS purchases materials on various library related topics to assist and inform media specialists, librarians, library trustees, and Friends groups. All titles are available for check out. Please call the PLS office to borrow materials. Recent additions include:

Booktalking Bonanza; Ten Ready to Use Multimedia Sessions for the Busy Librarian by Betsy Diamant-Cohen & Selma K. Levi, American Library Association, 2008

Teen Spaces: the Step by Step Library Makeover 2nd edition, by Kimberly Bolan, American Library Association, 2008

Best Books For Young Adults, American Library Association, 2007

Helping Homeschoolers in the Library by Adrienne Furness, American Library Association, 2008

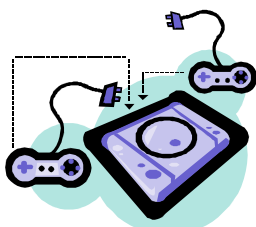
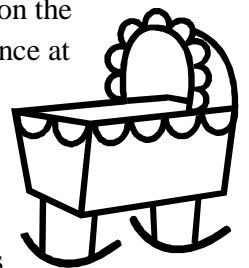
The Librarian's Guide to Graphic Novels for Children and Tweens by David S. Serchay, Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2008

Best New Media, K-12: A Guide to Movies, Subscription Web Sites, and Educational Software and Games by Catherine Barr, Libraries Unlimited, 2008

Beyond Picture Books: Subject Access to Best Books for Beginning Readers 3rd. Edition, by Barbara Barstow, Judith Riggle, and Leslie M. Molnar, Libraries Unlimited, 2007

Gamers in the Library: The Why, What and How of Videogame Tournaments for All Ages by Eli Neiburger, American Library Association, 2007

PLS has joined "Cradle Catchers", which is sponsored by Theta Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma, Scottsbluff Public Library, Birth and Infant Care Center (RWMC), and the Panhandle Library System. Theta educators initiated the "Cradle Catchers" project, which began January 1, 2008. "Cradle Catchers" provide "Read to Me" book bags to the Infant Care Center at Regional West Medical Center, which include a board book, brochure on the importance of reading, and a coupon to take to the local library for a "Read to Me" sippy cup. Once at the library, parents and children are oriented to the library, and invited to storytime and special events. The purpose of the project is to encourage parents to read to their babies, to increase awareness of the importance of taking children to the library at an early age, and to emphasize the correlation between reading to a child and school success. Margie Harrison is distributing sippy cups to all PLS member public libraries so that all Panhandle residents are serviced by this great project. Margie will be talking about the "Cradle Catchers" project at upcoming PLS Public Librarian's Meetings, and may distribute "Read to Me" sippy cups at the meetings.



The PLS Wii is very popular. The Wii gaming tub has been travelling all over the Panhandle ever since early October. Since then, it hasn't been in the PLS office for more than a day! Librarians may want to think about using the Wii during Summer Reading this year. PLS has added three new games that relate to the 2009 theme, "Be Creative @ Your Library:." ***Guitar Hero*** (with two guitars), ***Disney's Wii Sing***, and ***Wii Music***. Please call ASAP to reserve the Wii for spring or summer 2009!



PLS Upcoming Events:

February 13, 2009 College of DuPage Soaring to Excellence

Targeting the Ages: Programming that Hits the Mark.
10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (MST)

Online

Register with Nebraska Library Commission web site at:
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us> and search on the Training
Calendar by using DuPage.

February 20, 2009 Public Librarians Meeting Central Panhandle

Location: Scottsbluff Public Library, 1809 3rd
Avenue, Scottsbluff
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Topic: Fundraising

March 2, 2009 Public Librarians Meeting Southern Panhandle

Location: Chappell Memorial Library, 289
Babcock, Chappell
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Topic: Latch-key and unattended children
Issues

March 9, 2009 PLS Summer Reading Program. Theme: "Be Creative @ Your Library"™

Location: Alliance Public Library, 1750
Sweetwater, Avenue, Alliance
Time: 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Register by March 4, 2009 with the PLS
office.

March 10, 2009 PLS Board Meeting

Location: Bluffs Business, 1517 Broadway, Main floor
conference room
Time: 10:00 a.m.

March 17 - 20, 2009 New Workshops in Scottsbluff

Presented by Michael Sauers

Location: All classes are held at The Harms
Advanced Technology Center, 2620 College Park,
Scottsbluff - Across the street from WNCC

March 17, 2009 I Blog, You Blog, Weblog

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Register at: [http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/
events.asp?ProgID=8804](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/events.asp?ProgID=8804)

March 17, 2009 RSS: A New Way of Communicating

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Register at: [http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/
events.asp?ProgID=8805](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/events.asp?ProgID=8805)

March 18, 2009 Welcome to the Social Web

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Register at: [http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/
events.asp?ProdID=8806](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/events.asp?ProdID=8806)

March 19, 2009 Introduction to Web Page Creation with XHTML

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Register at: [http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/
events.asp?ProgID=8807](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/events.asp?ProgID=8807)

March 20, 2009 Style Your Web With CSS

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Register at: [http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/
events.asp?ProgID=8808](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/events.asp?ProgID=8808)

April 1, 2, 3, 2009 MPLA Conference

Location: Wichita, KS

April 3, 2009 College of DuPage

Library Challenges and Opportunities: Diversity Beyond Obvious

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (MST)

Online

PLS Upcoming Events Continued:

April 7, 2009 Public Librarians Meeting Northern Panhandle

Location: Gordon City Library, 101 West 5th Street,
Gordon

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Weeding and Rare Books

April 15, 22, 29, 209 Basic Skills Public Services

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater,
Alliance Avenue, Alliance

Cost: \$35.00 for all three classes

CE Credit: 12 Hours

Please register with the Nebraska Library
Commission—800-307-2665

April 16, 2009 College of DuPage

PLS will be hosting this online event at WNCC-Sidney

Soaring to Excellence: An Ounce of Prevention: Health Reference Basics

Location: WNCC, 371 College Drive, Sidney

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (MST) register with the PLS
office if you plan to attend at WNCC Sidney.

April 30, 2009 Nebraska State Genealogical Society Conference: Librarian's Day Pre-conference- Genealogy Workshops

The same session will be held in the morning and in the
afternoon. Please tell the PLS office if you will be
attending the morning session or the afternoon session.

Time: Morning Session 9:00 to 10:30a.m.

Time: Afternoon Session 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Location: The Harms Advanced Technology Center,
2620 College Park, Scottsbluff

Please register by April 23, 2009 with the
PLS Office.

Travel Grants Available to AASL National Conference

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) is offering 30 grants for travel to its 14th National Conference & Exhibition in Charlotte, N.C., Nov. 5-8, 2009. The grants for first-time attendees of the conference are sponsored by Bound To Stay Bound Books. Those interested in applying can download the application on the National Conference pages at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/charlotte>. The deadline for applications will be March 2, 2009.

The AASL 14th National Conference & Exhibition, "Rev up learning @ your library," is the only national conference dedicated solely to the needs of school library media specialists and their roles as educational leaders. AASL National Conference will feature 10 pre-conferences, numerous concurrent sessions, more than 200 exhibiting companies, educational and school tours, a storytelling festival and special appearances by award-winning authors. For more information on AASL's 14th National Conference & Exhibition, visit <http://www.ala.org/aasl/charlotte>. Registration begins Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009.

**There is still money in the PLS Scholarship Fund.
Submit a PLS scholarship application for
additional support!**



Librarians met at the Hay Springs Public Library to discuss latch-key and unattended children issues in libraries. Marianne Hanks hosted the meeting, complete with fine china, coffee, and cookies.

New Leadership at Chadron Public Library

There is new leadership at the Chadron Public Library; however, the faces are very familiar. Rosselle Tesch, former Assistant Director, was appointed to the position of Director on December 10, 2008. Rosselle selected Annette Bellu, Children's Librarian, to fill the newly vacant Assistant Director position. With a library-planning project up ahead, Rosselle and Annette are diving right into their new roles.



Rosselle's primary goal, as Director, is to move forward with expanding the library in a manner in which the community chooses. Chadron Public Library has contracted with Library Planning Associates, from Normal, Illinois, to conduct a strategic facility report. The report will outline essential service goals and space needs for the Library so that library administration, trustees, and officials are able to evaluate expansion options in an informed manner. The big project begins February 10, 2009 with a "getting to know you" type of session. Rosselle is very excited to gain ideas and input from professional library planners.

In thinking ahead with a building project in mind, Rosselle recently initiated mini staff trainings to keep staff involved and informed. The staff trainings are short, thirty-minute sessions scheduled on Fridays after 5:00 p.m. She is also working on a comprehensive plan of library tasks and procedures so staff knows what to do if someone is absent. With trainings and procedures in place, Rosselle aims to bring all staff to a certain level in computer skills.

Chadron Public Library offers an enormous amount of programming, which Rosselle plans to continue. Yoga continues to be very popular, as well as the middle school book club and the reading group for adults. With the help of a work-study student from Chadron State College, librarians were able to offer computer and Internet basics classes. Seniors especially enjoyed the classes, which introduced email, Internet searching skills, using laptops, and minor computer repair techniques. Chadron Public Library frequently hosts local author events. Don Holst will be there January 27, at 6:30 p.m. His presentation is titled "So you want to write a book." In addition, he will discuss his latest publication, "Famous Football Players in Their 4th Quarter." Local author, Iris Paris, recently presented at the Library and a Friends of the Library luncheon. Paris, who established the USA record for Womens Cross-Country Cycling, writes about her journey in "Once Upon a Chariot." For the 2008 Summer Reading Program, "Metamorphosis @ Your Library," library staff offered a Pilates class, as well as other programs to help people adopt healthier lifestyles. The Pilates program was promoted on the Chadron Public Library website, and a national Pilate's journal found the information and publicized it in their journal. In celebration of National Gaming Day, librarians hosted a Gaming Day filled with board and electronic games. Coming soon, they plan to have a Spring Kids Film Festival, a John Wayne Move Festival.

Rosselle and Annette really enjoy working at the Chadron Public Library, and are very excited about their new leadership roles. Both are ready to take on the big challenges of library planning, and an expansion project. They are open to new ideas and optimistic about the Library's future. Congratulations Rosselle and Annette!

Marjorie Harrison

Ten Stories that Shaped 2008, according to LISNews Blog

2008 has been an eventful year for librarians. Once a year LISNews (<http://lisnews.org>) posts library news highlights of the year. LISNews is a collaborative blog devoted to current events and news in the world of Library and Information Science. On December 30th, John Hubbard posted a list of ten library news stories that shaped 2008. To view the complete post with links, and comments go to http://lisnews.org/ten_stories_that_shaped_2008. Here is John's list with some of his commentary:

10. OCLC Claims Ownership of Data In OPACs

9. Annoyed Librarian Joins Library Journal

8. Censorship Roundup Penguins continue to make intellectual freedom headlines, as does violence, homosexuality, and sex. Even Sarah Palin made some of the papers she reads with a story about her dealings with the city librarian while mayor of Wasilla.

7. Wikipedia Marches Ever On

6. Book Technology Kindle, e-paper, and related gizmos made further inroads and advances this year, but mainstream adoption is perennially a few years away.

5. Lawsuits Aplenty Notable publishing lawsuits this year involved Jerry Seinfeld, Harry Potter, and Electronic Reserve.

4. California Librarian Fired for Reporting Man Viewing Child Porn

3. Google Books Settlement This fall, a payment system was worked out between Google, authors, and publishers, including a subscription model that left some libraries feeling shorted.

2. Gaming Takes Off Video games in libraries are nothing new, but this year saw incredible growth in the use of video games by libraries to meet patron demands.

1. Can You Spare A Dime? Those "Recession Boosts Library Use" stories were common this year, but the real news is how hard hit libraries have been in this terrible economy, as typified by the Philadelphia Free Library closings.

Have You Seen These Websites...

Help with PC's

<http://www.helpwithpcs.com/>

This website provides answers to computer questions. You can access free online computer courses, upgrading assistance, a tech support forum, buying guides, a variety of information on computer maintenance, tips and tricks



Craftpop

<http://craftpop.com/>

From website: "CraftPOP.com is the web guide to popular homemade arts, crafts, hobbies, ideas, and other DIY resources. From sites teaching how to knit to creating your own gifts, this is the web directory to get you started."

Poetry Portal

<http://www.poetry-portal.com/>

Poetry Portal is a guide to Internet resources for the study and writing of poetry. It includes poetry courses, book publishing news, criticism and reviews, and literary chit-chat.

Internet Public Library

<http://www.ipl.org/>

The IPL is "the first public library of and for the Internet community," which began in 1995. It is a public service organization and a learning/teaching environment founded at the University of Michigan School of Information and hosted by Drexel University's College of Information Science & Technology. It is an excellent resource for reference questions!

LIBWORM Beta

<http://www.libworm.com/>

From website: "LibWorm is intended to be a search engine, a professional development tool, and a current awareness tool for people who work in libraries or care about libraries. It collects updates from about 1400 RSS feeds (and growing). The contents of these feeds are then available for searching, and search results can themselves be output as an RSS feed that the user can subscribe to either in his/her favourite aggregator or in LibWorm's built-in aggregator."

Copyright Law – Part 6

This article is the sixth of a six-part series on copyright for educators and public librarians.

Part VI – Public Domain [by Phyllis Brunken]

The topic of Public Domain can be a very complicated one. Fortunately, Lolly Gasaway has created a chart that provides a simple guide to public domain. Gasaway’s chart has become one of the major references on the topic. As noted below, the chart may be freely duplicated or linked to for nonprofit purposes.

WHEN U.S. WORKS PASS INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

by Lolly Gasaway, University of North Carolina

Definition: A public domain work is a creative work that is not protected by copyright and which may be freely used by everyone. The reasons that the work is not protected include: (1) the term of copyright for the work has expired; (2) the author failed to satisfy statutory formalities to perfect the copyright or (3) the work is a work of the U.S. Government.

DATE OF WORK	PROTECTED FROM	TERM
Created 1-1-78 or after	When work is fixed in tangible medium of expression	Life + 70 years ¹ (or if work of corporate authorship, the shorter of 95 years from publication, or 120 years from creation ²
Published before 1923	In public domain	None
Published from 1923 - 63	When published with notice ³	28 years + could be renewed for 47 years, now extended by 20 years for a total renewal of 67 years. If not so renewed, now in public domain
Published from 1964 - 77	When published with notice	28 years for first term; now automatic extension of 67 years for second term
Created before 1-1-78 but not published	1-1-78, the effective date of the 1976 Act which eliminated common law copyright	Life + 70 years or 12-31-2002, whichever is greater
Created before 1-1-78 but published between then and 12-31-2002	1-1-78, the effective date of the 1976 Act which eliminated common law copyright	Life + 70 years or 12-31-2047 whichever is greater

- 1 Term of joint works is measured by life of the longest-lived author.
- 2 Works for hire, anonymous and pseudonymous works also have this term. 17 U.S.C. § 302(c).
- 3 Under the 1909 Act, works published without notice went into the public domain upon publication. Works published without notice between 1-1-78 and 3-1-89, effective date of the Berne Convention Implementation Act, retained copyright only if efforts to correct the accidental omission of notice was made within five years, such as by placing notice on unsold copies. 17 U.S.C. § 405. (Notes courtesy of Professor Tom Field, Franklin Pierce Law Center and Lolly Gasaway)

LOLLY GASAWAY Last updated 11-04-03 Chart may be freely duplicated or linked to for nonprofit purposes. No permission needed. Please include web address on all reproductions of chart so recipients know where to find any updates. <http://www.unc.edu/~unclng/public-d.htm>. A more detailed chart has been developed by Cornell University and is available on their website. Copyright Term and the Public Domain in the United States, January 1, 2007 - http://www.copyright.cornell.edu/training/Hirtle_Public_Domain.htm. Please send an email to me if you want a complete bibliography of my recommended copyright law resources or have a copyright law question. Phyllis Brunken – pbrunken@cox.net. I am not an attorney and this article may not be substituted for formal legal advice from an attorney well versed in school law and copyright law.

Nebraska Library Commission's "What's Up Doc" is a Blog

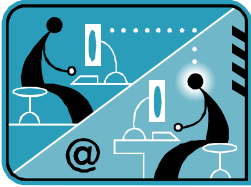
Times change, new technologies come along, and we use them to (hopefully) improve our services. *What's up Doc?*, our bimonthly newsletter listing state and federal publications received at the Library Commission, has gone 2.0! Sometimes doing something new means stopping doing something the old way. The print *What's Up Doc* will cease publication with the November/December 2008 issue. The 2008 annual compilation of state documents will also be published soon. A new *What's Up Doc* was launched as a blog in September 2008, and is accessible at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/whatsupdoc>

The new *Doc* features all of the information provided in the old *Doc*, and more. Blog format allows us to post lists of newly received publications, make announcements about state e-pubs that we have downloaded to our server, and blog about "documents in the news" more frequently than was possible with the bimonthly compilation. The publications lists include OCLC catalog numbers and hotlinks to downloaded copies of documents that any library can use to add them to their catalogs.

Doc is also broadening in scope to feature updates about other projects documents staff are involved with: Nebraska Memories, collaborative digitization projects, scanning materials from the NLC Archives, information services, etc.

We welcome feedback and comments about the new *What's Up Doc*—pros and cons of making the change, need for future annual state docs compilations, comments on news postings, etc. Would you like to write a news article for us to post? How about using the blog to comment! Or contact Beth Goble, Government Information Services Director 402-471-4017 email bgoble@nlc.state.ne.us.

To sign up for *What's Up Doc* via RSS go to the site and click on the RSS link .



One Book for Nebraska Kids 2009

The One Book For Nebraska Kids selection is *The Green Glass Sea*, by Ellen Klages, and is aimed at readers in grades 4-6. This book is about Dewey Kerrigan, 11, who travels to New Mexico in 1943 and meets up with her father, who lives on a secret base and is working on a top secret project with a number of other scientists, including J. Robert Oppenheimer. The Nebraska Library Commission is distributing book bags containing paperback books. Discussion questions, puzzles, and background information are available at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/obonk.html>. To borrow the book bags, Contact the Panhandle Library System office at 308-632-1350, or the Nebraska Library Commission [Information and Reference Services](#), 402-471-4016 or 800-307-2665.

NCompass Live

On Wednesday, January 7, 2009, the Nebraska Library Commission will premiere a new weekly online event, *NCompass Live*. *NCompass Live* will cover Nebraska Library Commission activities and library topics presented by Nebraska Library Commission staff and guests. The free one-hour sessions will be offered every Wednesday at 10:00AM (CT) and will include a mixture of presentations, interviews, book reviews, Web tours, mini training sessions, and Q & A sessions. *NCompass Live* will be presented online using Centra Live eMeeting software. Centra sessions are live presentations that you access from your own computer via the Web. Audio is provided via Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) using a microphone. Sessions will be recorded for anyone who may want to see it again or who cannot attend it at the scheduled time. Check out [NCompass Live](#) at www.nlc.state.ne.us/Ncompass/NCompassLive.asp for the schedule and to register for a session.



Panhandle Library System
Board Minutes, Tuesday, November 13, 2008
Gering Public Library, 1055 P Street, Gering

President Vickie Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members present: Kendra Caskey, Terry Christensen, Glenda Gamby, Floyd Smith III, Vickie Retzlaff, Dixie Riley, Kathy Terrell, and Beth Trupp. Board members absent were Jane Schlager and Diane Davis. Also present were Margie Harrison and Debbie McCall. The November 13, 2008 agenda was approved.

The minutes from the last meeting, September 9, 2008 were approved.

Round Table: Vickie Retzlaff reported that Grant County Library had their annual fund raiser in October with a craft and bake sale and raised \$1000. Vickie was approved for the 2008 Wi-Fi connectivity grant and Vickie is in the process of working on all the requirements for this grant. The Grant Public Library will have their holiday open house December 10th and a small books sale.

Beth Trupp announced the Gering Public Library Holiday open house will be in December. The library also had a teen Halloween party. Their budget just passed and not much was cut.

Margie Harrison announced that Diane Davis will be leaving Rushville Public Library and she also resigned from the PLS Board. Vickie Retzlaff read Diane's resignation letter. Diane will need to be replaced by someone in district A with that term ending June, 2009.

PLS Committees: Dixie Riley (chair) Nominating Committee and Vickie Retzlaff will help.

Annual Meeting: Margie Harrison announced that the PLS Annual Meeting will be held July 17, 2009 at the Harms Advanced Technology Center, Scottsbluff. The committee will be meeting Friday, October 14, 2008.

CE/Tech: A report was sent to Margie via email. Margie Harrison announced based on the report, Margie will try to coordinate a vendor work day workshop. She asked school media specialists to let her know the best time of year that would be best for them, and consider partnering with ESU 13.

Public Relations: Beth Trupp reported on the Author tour and how the students enjoyed it, and how smooth the Author Tour went. The public performance at Bayard High School didn't go very well but the Scottsbluff High School performance did better.

Scholarship: Kendra Caskey announced the committee will divide the remaining scholarship money into 5 scholarships at \$100 each.

Nebraska Library Commission: Rod Wagner was not present, but submitted a report. Margie read Rod's report to the group.

PLS Coordinator's Report: Margie reported that the Wii is very popular and is being used by member libraries. PLS purchased shirts for author tour, annual meeting or public relations. Any committee member can wear the shirts for any event. The shirts are maroon polo shirts that say PLS committee member. Margie's shirt says PLS Coordinator and Debbie's shirt says PLS Admin. Assist.

Margie reported the format for her Coordinator's report has been very generic, not linking a library or school to a specific issue because of confidentiality. The PLS board discussed the report and decided to list the number of libraries visited and to list each topic.

Budget: PLS received the final amount of funding for this fiscal year from the State of Nebraska. The Author Tour money was spent but PLS needs to send back two boxes of books from the Author Tour. The property insurance line item is in the negative because the board approved additional bonding insurance. The shirts PLS purchased, went into the office supplies line item because there is no PR line item. Margie presented the financial report.

Margie stated PLS had a problem receiving e-rate money from the Allo, but just received notice that PLS will soon be reimbursed. Margie would like to spend more money on print materials. The remaining percent from the author tour line item is 60%, which does not include the books sold. PLS applied for a grant for the Author Tour Program from Wal-Mart, which has not yet been received. Margie stated she was trying to arrange for a bus to take to ALA Mid Winter in Denver, Colorado but no one wanted to go.

Old Business: The board discussed the current bylaws and recommended revisions. It was decided that we table the discussion of Bylaws to the next meeting

Submission of year End Financial Statements: Audit: The audit was presented to the PLS board and accepted.

New policy regarding committee chair person: This policy will be tabled to the next board meeting, January 13, 2009.

New Business:

Approval of Technology Plan: Margie Harrison reported on option 4 that PLS cannot have workshops in the office because there is no wireless. Floyd Smith said he could install wireless internet in the PLS office. Margie Harrison reported that Michael Sauers said he would design a website for PLS. PLS gave Michael information for the new website, including colors and design. Margie also announced PLS would like to create podcasts. Floyd suggested contacting Craig Hicks at ESU 13 in Scottsbluff for help in website design. The PLS board approved the PLS Technology plan. Motion carried.

Possible increase in cost of PLS newsletter: Margie Harrison reported she had some issues with the last printing of the PLS newsletter from Broadway office. The first newsletter was printed on better newspaper and a better printer. The most recent newsletter had to be re-done because of poor photo quality. Margie asked Broadway Office to give her a quote for the cost of the newsletter to be the same quality as the first newsletter. Margie will have quotes from Broadway and other printing companies for the next PLS board meeting, January 13, 2009

Upcoming Events / Announcements: Richard Miller will have an E-rate workshop at Paxton Public Library December 9, 2008. Richard will be discussing forms 470, 471, certification, audits and documents.

Margie Harrison passed around two thank you notes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The next PLS board meeting will be January 13, 2009 at the Bluffs Business Center, main floor conference room at 10:00 a.m.



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February/March 2009

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Summer Reading Program

Be Creative @ Your Library™

Monday, March 9, 2009



Music, Acting, Puppets, Creative Writing, Dance, Visual Arts, Nature Arts, and terrific prizes to be won.

Location: Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance

Time: 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Lunch is on your own, but hurry back for more prizes and fun.

CE Hours: 5:25

Presenters: Sally Snyder, from the Nebraska Library Commission: Hop on the Reading Express to see the Best Books for 2009.

Alice Boeckman, Bellevue Public Library, will present a variety of ideas that can be used by libraries of about any size— with ideas for everyone from babies to teens.

Please bring one book, craft, program or other idea to share.

Please register by March 4, 2009 with the PLS office. 1517 Broadway, Suite 129, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 **Toll free:** 888-879-5303, **Phone:** 308-632-1350,

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Basic Skills 2009

BASIC SKILLS

Public Services

Wednesdays - April 15, 22, 29, 2009

Location: Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance

Times each day: 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00 for all three classes, payable to Nebraska Library Commission before the first class.

Please register with Nebraska Library Commission,
Toll free: 800-307-2665 or go to their website
at: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us> and click on
"Library Training"

Making Decisions: Who, What, How, When and Why



A workshop on library governance for directors, trustees, library Friends, foundation members, and volunteers.

Presenter: Pat Wagner is a well-known educator, trainer, writer, and consultant with Pattern Research of Denver. Most of her current clients work with and for libraries of all kinds, plus library boards, foundations, Friends groups, and national, state and regional library organizations.

This workshop will be presented at two locations:

- **Alliance Public Library**
- **WNCC-Sidney**

FREE C.E. training for
library staff and trustees

Evening Session: Thursday, June 25: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
at the Alliance Public Library

Morning Session: Friday, June 26: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at
WNCC-Sidney

Snacks and beverages will be provided at both sessions!

Call or email the Panhandle Library System by July 18 to register for this FREE workshop. Phone: (Toll free) 888-879-5303, or 308-632-1350; Email: debm@charterinternet.com

Funds for this program are supported in part through a Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education Grant.

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New Workshops

**Mark Your
Calendar!**

Instructor: Michael Sauers, Nebraska Library Commission—Innovative Technology Librarian

All these workshops are held at The Harms Advanced Technology Center, 2620 College Park, Scottsbluff - Across the street from WNCC-Scottsbluff.

March 17, 2009 | Blog, You Blog, Weblog—Blogs are an easy way to receive information and blog-based publishing may be the way for you to present your libraries information to the public.

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

For more information and to register: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=8804>

March 17, 2009 RSS: A New Way of Communicating—RSS, also known as feeds allows users to subscribe to content that they wish to receive in a timely manner. Feeds also allows information providers to send information in the format necessary for users to subscribe. This three hour hands-on workshop will introduce attendees to both providing and consuming content via RSS.

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information and to register: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=8805>

March 18, 2009 Welcome to the Social Web—Social software is one of the hottest concepts on the Internet today. This full-day workshop will introduce you to the most popular Web sites in this area and attendees will get a chance to play with several social services of most use to librarians.

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information and to register: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=8806>

March 19, 2009 Introduction to Web Page Creation with XHTML

This six-hour workshop will give you a basic understanding of how the eXtensible HyperText Markup language works and to create Web pages using it through a hands-on approach. By the end of the day attendees will be able to create new pages from scratch and have a solid foundation on which to build their future Web page creation skills.

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information and to register: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=8807>

March 20, 2009 Style Your Web Site with CSS

Cascading Style Sheets is the language that gives you the power to make your pages look the way you want them to. CSS allows you to accomplish more work, in less time, and make your site easier to manage.

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information and to register: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=8808>

PLS Public Librarians Meetings

Locations throughout the Panhandle

If you are a public librarian or any PLS member you are invited to attend one or all of the public library meetings held throughout the Panhandle. Earn CE credit for attending.



February 20, 2009 Public Librarians Meeting, **Central Panhandle**

Location: Scottsbluff Public Library, 1809 3rd Avenue, Scottsbluff

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Fundraising

March 2, 2009 Public Librarians Meeting **Southern Panhandle**

Location: Chappell Memorial Library, 289 Babcock, Chappell

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Latch-key and unattended children issues

April 7, 2009 Public Librarians Meeting, **Northern Panhandle**

Location: Gordon City Library, 101 West 5th Street, Gordon

Time: 10:00 a.m.

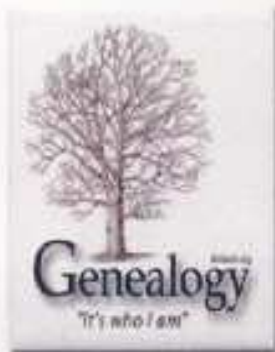
Topic: Weeding and rare books



Please register 5 days before your meeting, with the Panhandle Library System office. Toll free 888-879-5303, Phone 308-632-1350, Fax 308-632-3978. Margie's E-mail: mharrison@nlc.state.ne.us or Debbie's E-mail: debm@charterinternet.com

Lunch or dinner reservations may be made following the meeting.

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**GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS
DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR
LIBRARIANS!**

Nebraska State Genealogy Society
Conference: Librarian's Day Pre-Conference
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2009.

The same session will be held in the morning and in the afternoon.

Location: The Harms Advanced Technology Center, 2620 College Park, Scottsbluff.

Time: Morning Session: 9:30 a.m. to Noon Afternoon Session: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Presenters: Floyd Smith, Executive Director of the West Nebraska Family Research and History Center and Ed Loera, ProQuest representative and instructor.

This workshop will introduce librarians to the basics of genealogy research and provide training on using HeritageQuest. HeritageQuest is a Free Nebraska Access online database available to all libraries in Nebraska, provided by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Please mail or fax your registration by April 23, 2009 to Panhandle Library System, 1517 Broadway, Suite 129, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Fax: 308-632-3978

Please tell the PLS office if you plan to attend the morning session or the afternoon session. Morning Session _____ Afternoon Session _____

Name(s) _____

School or Library _____

E-mail: _____ Phone _____

Nebraska Library Association



Paraprofessional Section 2009 Spring Meeting Schedule

**Paraprofessionals Past, Present, and Future:
Where the Paraprofessional Life Can Lead You**

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. CT
Paraprofessionals Spring General Meeting 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Programs (3 sessions, each one 50 minutes with a 5-10 minute break between):

- **Checkin** 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. CT
- **Welcome from Para Chair, Mary Gubbels** 10:00 - 10:05 a.m. CT
- **Session I - Past: Carnegie's Library Legacy: The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful:** Andrew Carnegie's gifts to libraries, the commitment required by the community, how that affected the future of public libraries, the design of Carnegie buildings, and the fate of Carnegie buildings today.
Speaker: Lauren Riedesel, Beatrice Public Library
- **Session II - Present: Connecting with Your Community:** How to work with community-based organizations and academic institutions to bring programs like Getting your Flu Shot, or setting up a book club around nutrition and exercise, as a way to connect with a great need all communities have - health information access that can be trusted.
Speaker: Siobhan Champ-Blackwell, Creighton University Health Sciences Library
- **Session III - Future: Libraries & Paras 2.0!**
Speaker: Christa Burns, Nebraska Library Commission

Paraprofessionals Spring General Meeting 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. CT

Mary Gubbels, Chair of Paraprofessionals, will guide us through our annual spring general meeting. Those who have paid for lunch at the Lincoln or Omaha site will have lunch at this time. If you are not paying for lunch, but wish to bring your own you are welcome to.

Sites:

This year's meeting will be telecast to several sites across the state (we will cancel any sites not having at least one participant by the registration deadline-see below). **If you have questions on sites (even adding a closer one to your location) please use the contact information below.** If you want to talk and network with people, then come to Lincoln or Omaha these are our biggest site locations!

Ainsworth, Ainsworth Community Schools, 520 E. 2nd St.
Fairbury, Fairbury High School, 1501 9th St
Hastings, ESU 9, 1113 E. South St.
Lincoln, NET (Nebraska Educational Telecommunications), 1800 North 33rd
Norfolk Northeast Community College, 801 E. Benjamin, Lifelong Learning
Center, Suite D
North Platte, Mid-Plains Community College, 601 W State Farm Rd
Omaha, 80th & West Center
Scottsbluff, ESU 13, 4215 Ave. I
Sidney, Western Nebraska Community College, 371 College Drive

Registration deadline is Thursday, March 12, 2009
This is a firm date. Late or onsite registrations will not be accepted.

Registration form (**Shorter PDF form for printing and Online form (coming)**) –
please print and snail mail (faxes will not be accepted) to:
Contact: Martha Grenzeback, 8001 Harney St, Omaha NE 68114 (home address), 402-250-7230
(cell phone), E-mail: graymatters@alltel.net

If you cannot make payment by registration deadline please inform our contact person.

Registrant's Name: _____

Library Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I will attend the Para Conference at this site: _____

My fee is (check one and make check payable to the Paraprofessional Section, if payment cannot be made by the deadline date please call the contact):

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/Comp/paru/2009springmeeting/2009Paraspgconfwebsite.html> 1/29/2009

- **NLA Para Member Registration** (all sites): \$10.00 **Limited scholarships for Paras are available, please contact Martha Grenzeback (info above).**
- **Non-Para member Registration** (all sites): \$15.00
- **Lunch** (Lincoln/Omaha sites): \$ 5.00
- **Total**

***Lunch** is served at Lincoln and Omaha during the Paraprofessional Spring General Meeting, you may bring your own lunch/snacks if you prefer and still stay for the meeting from 1 - 1:45 p.m.

Notes:

No refunds.

Continuing Education (CE) credits will be 3 hours for the day (you will need to attend all three sessions to receive this).

Videotapes will be available for loan after the conference as in past years.

This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.