

June/July 2004



*The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System*

**PLS Coordinator's Message**

Why would you want to have a "teen space" in your library? In most communities, one in four residents is a teenager. Teenagers will soon be taxpayers and voters. Somewhere in your policies you probably have a statement about providing equal service to all customers. Why would you exclude this group from your programs and collection and attention? Kim Bolan Taney, a consultant on teen library programs, spoke recently in Alliance, and provided many practical ideas about how to encourage teens to use and enjoy the library. Many librarians say we "lose" them when they get to junior high; they are too busy with other activities; they have no time for, or interest in, reading. Kim's answer is that if you create a space – no matter how small – that looks and feels like teens, has things that teens are interested in, and is comfortable and welcoming, they will come. But what gets them in the door might not be books. If you want to know what they care about, ask them. Kim says a teen space will never work if the teens are not involved in creating it. High priorities for teens are magazines, music, games, computers, popular culture. Big needs are for food, comfort, security, independence, someone who cares about and respects them. Here are some quick and cheap starters: check your library rules – do they "single out" teen behavior? Check your walls – could you put up some posters donated by the video store? Check your furniture – could you get a soft old couch and put on a colorful slip cover? – maybe a fun rug for the floor? Check your collection – could some of your book sale money go for music CDs, popular DVDs, graphic novels, magazines? Check your attitude – do you smile when teens walk in the door? -look them in the eye? -help them find what they need? Most important, start a teen group that can plant the seeds and help them grow. Soon teens in your community will see the library as a place they want to go – now, and when they are no longer teens.

Cherie Longmuir

## PLS Upcoming Events

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### **June 11, 2004 PLS Annual Meeting**

Theme: Western  
Speaker: Gail Potter - Museum of the Fur Trade- Chadron, NE  
Location: Western Nebraska Community College, 371 College Drive, Sidney  
Time: 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.—Welcome, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Meeting  
Cost: \$10.00 includes lunch  
**Registration deadline is June 1, 2004**  
Register and send payments to PLS. See information at the top of this page.

### **June 15, 2004 NEBASE Online Session: Introduction to WebDewey**

Instructor: Christa Burns, OCLC Member Services Coordinator  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (CDT)  
Register online at:  
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/onlineessionsdesc.htm#Registration>  
**Registration deadline is June 10, 2004**  
Cost: None  
Contact: Jeannette Powell, 800-307-2665, 402-471-7740, e-mail: [jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us)

### **June 21, 2004 PLS Children's Summer Theatre**

Presenters, Children's Theatre of Florida  
Kimball Public Library 10:00 a.m.  
Gering Public Library 2:00 p.m.

### **June 22, 2004 PLS Children's Theatre of Florida**

Scottsbluff Public Library 10:00 a.m.  
Morrill Public Library 2:00 p.m.

### **June 22, 2004 Database Roadshow**

The 2004 Database Roadshow has been expanded to cover NebraskaAccess including the databases available and the Librarian's Toolbox, where librarians can go to find promotional and training information. Please bring any questions and you will receive help during the hands on time.  
**Registration deadline is June 11, 2004**  
Register online at:  
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/roadshow.html>

Location: Chadron State College, Miller Hall, 300 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Chadron  
Time 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Contact: Jeannette Powell, 800-307-2665, 402-471-7740, e-mail: [jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us)

### **June 23, 2004 Children's Summer Theatre**

Bayard Public Library 10:00 a.m.  
Alliance Public Library 2:00 p.m.

### **June 23, 2004 NEBASE Online Session: OCLC Custom Holdings & Direct Request**

Learn how Custom Holdings allows your library to set up automatic borrowing strings, eliminating the need for analyzing lenders on a request-by-request basis. Also learn how to design, create, update and use multiple Custom Holding paths and Direct Request profiles.

Instructor: Christa Burns  
CE Credits: 1.5 hours  
Register online at:  
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/onlineessionsdesc.html#Registration>  
Time: 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. (CDT)  
Contact: Jeannette Powell, 800-307-2665, 402-471-7740, e-mail: [jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us)

### **June 24, 2004 PLS Children's Summer Theatre**

Rushville Public Library 10:00 a.m.  
Chadron Public Library 2:00 p.m.

### **June 25, 2004 PLS Children's Summer Theatre**

Goodall City Library (Ogallala) 10:00 a.m.  
Oshkosh Public Library 1:30 p.m.

### **June 26, 2004 PLS Children's Summer Theatre**

Sidney Public Library 10:00 a.m.

#### **PLS Website:**

<http://teacherweb.panesu.org/pls>

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**July 1, 2004 Filters for CIPA compliance must be installed**  
<http://libraryfiltering.org>

**July 5, 2004 - PLS office closed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.**

**July 29, 2004 Personnel Issues for Municipal Clerks, Board members, Librarians**

Location: Alliance Public Library  
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$10 for 1<sup>st</sup> person, add \$5 for each additional person from same community.

Lunch is included.

**Registration and payment must be received by July 10, 2004.**

Register at:

<http://www.ncl.state.ne.us/news/content/1554.html>

Or contact Jacque Crocker, 800-307-2665, 402-471-2083, e-mail: [jcrocker@ncl.state.ne.us](mailto:jcrocker@ncl.state.ne.us)

**August 2, 2004 NEMA/PLS Institute**  
Programs offered: Advanced Search Training on the Internet; Information Power/Information Literacy; Online Review Sites; Library Media Program Evaluation.  
**All programs will be repeated, so you can attend all 4 sessions!**

Location: Alliance Learning Center, 1750 Sweetwater Ave., Alliance  
Cost: \$10.00 per person, includes lunch  
Time: 9:00 to 9:20 a.m.-Registration; 9:45 to 10:45-1st session; 11:00 to 12:00-2<sup>nd</sup> session; Noon to 1:00-lunch, which is included; 1:00 to 2:00-3<sup>rd</sup> session; 2:15 to 3:15-4<sup>th</sup> session.

**Make checks payable to NEMA**

Register with Panhandle Library System – see information at the top of this page

**August 4, 2004 Database Roadshow 2004**

Location: North Platte Community College, McDonald Belton Campus, 601 West State Farm Road, North Platte

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (CDT)

Register online at:

<http://www.ncl.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/oiobox/roadshow.html>

Or contact: Jeannette Powell, 800-307-2665, 402-471-7740, e-mail:

[jpowell@ncl.state.ne.us](mailto:jpowell@ncl.state.ne.us)

**PLS Adult Author Tour – Sept 21, 22 & 23, 2004**

Carole Nelson Douglas, best selling author of 37 novels including the Irene Adler series and the hard-boiled Midnight Louie!

Meet the author at these **Public** performances:

**Tues. Sept 21, 2004:** 7:00 p.m., Alliance Public Library

**Wed. Sept 22, 2004:** Noon, Brown Bag Lunch, Kimball Public Library

**Thur. Sept. 23, 2004:** 7:00 p.m. Gering Civic Center

These free performances are sponsored by Panhandle Library System and its member libraries, media centers and Tor/Forge Books.

## **PLS Website**

<http://teacherweb.panesu.org/pls>



## INSIDE OUR LIBRARIES

The Reading Garden behind **Potter** Public Library was the setting for author, poet and storyteller Thomas Glasco to perform his work on Sunday, May 6. Down the street at **Potter-Dix High** School, there's a whole lot of movin' going on. The primary students who were attending school there will now go to school in Dix, and Potter's building will house gr. 7-12. That means short shelves and little folks' books will need to be shifted to Dix. **Sue Gosnell** will be teaching English ½ time and providing library services ½ time. Once she gets all the books unpacked, **Sharon Johnson** will be doing library and computer instruction with gr. K-6 at Dix.

If you visit **Rushville** Public Library during summer reading program in June and find no one there, it might be because they are out flying kites. **Chris Plantz** obtained a replica of the Wright Brothers' plane in the form of a kite, and it is hanging from the library ceiling. Since Chris is someone who carries a kite in her car (just in case), she thinks the plane just might inspire her and the children to try a little flying themselves.

**Dalton** Library now provides Internet service to its customers and will soon be painting and replacing carpet, thanks to an \$800 "Dress Down" grant from the community. **Joan Pannas** and her Board members have been busy weeding out old materials and replacing them with new items for children and adults.

**Bridgeport's** **Donna Nelson** has been gathering prizes from local businesses to use in drawings during her adult reading program. Her regular customers decided summer reading fun wasn't just for kids.

**Jill Schroeder** at **Paxton** Library is anxiously awaiting the arrival of new books purchased with a grant from the Libri foundation. See information in this newsletter about how you can apply.

**Mary Robinson** has her **Gering** Junior High students create a poetry calendar to give their parents for Christmas. This creates a visible link to library activities that many parents usually do not see.

**Maggie Taylor** coordinated a lunchtime speakers program in the library at **WNCC-Sidney**. Weekly guests in April spoke about exotic places like China and the Bahamas. In May, Cheyenne County Art Guild members presented various art forms, from iron-work to acrylic painting. She has also refurnished the meeting rooms and created a gallery of local artists' works on the walls.

**Sherri Hausmann** at **Lodgepole** school created "Break Free of TV @ Your Library" week, which resulted in her students logging 95 hours of reading. Due to the Lodgepole/Chappell consolidation next year, Sherri will be teaching full time. We hope she'll soon bring her creative ideas back to the library.

Congratulations to **Melva Stahlecker** at **Kimball** High School who now has Follett automation in her library, and is using Alliance Plus to obtain records.

The Board at **Crawford** Public Library surveyed the local students and found out they wanted the library open more hours (esp. on the weekend) with more computers to use. This data will provide a basis for future planning, budget requests, and program evaluation.

## **TRUSTEE TIDBITS**

- *A survey of the Nebraska Library Trustees will be conducted this spring/summer. All Trustees are encouraged to participate and each Board member will earn 2 hours of continuing education from the Nebraska Library Commission for completing the survey. Lynn Bradman, social science professor at Metro Community College and a PhD student, is conducting the survey. Your input will be used to plan activities and materials that better meet the needs of Nebraska Library Boards.*
- *A workshop will be presented in Alliance on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004, that is intended for library Board members, city clerks, and library directors. It will deal with personnel issues as they relate to public libraries. The presenters are Maggie Stine and Jack Schultz, attorneys who specialize in municipal labor issues. Topics will include wages and benefits, termination, Board powers, "open meeting" law, personnel policies, and more. Bring your questions. The session will go from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and includes lunch. The cost is \$10 for the first participant from a town, and \$5 for each additional participant from the same town. 5 hours of credit toward Board Certification &/or Librarian certification will be awarded. For registration information, see the "Upcoming Events" page or call PLS.*
- *Reviewing the library policies can be a big undertaking, but here's a tip that might make it less time consuming. Assign each Board member one policy as "homework" at each meeting. Before the next meeting, the person reads the policy, notes whether there are any parts that might need to be revised or updated, and presents a recommendation at the next meeting. On a Board of 5, this means 5 policies could be quickly reviewed at each meeting, with discussion reserved for only those that need changes. Everyone contributes and the job becomes manageable.*
- *Remember that it takes a total of 20 hours of continuing education activities over a three year period for a Library Board to become (or remain) certified. The certification is an indication that the Board is active and keeping up with library issues. If 5 Board members view a one-hour College of DuPage video, the Board earns 5 hours of credit. If 2 members attend a 5-hour workshop, the Board earns 10 hours. Keep track of your hours. Contact the PLS office if you have questions: 888-879-5303 (toll free) or 632-1350.*

## BITS AND PIECES

Goodall City Library in **Ogallala** has a new library director. **Cindy Mielke** came from a position at South Dakota State University in Brookings. She has many ideas, including creating a teen area and offering public computer classes. Welcome to PLS!

**JoEllen Mercer** has retired from South Platte School in **Big Springs** and will seek new adventures in Arizona. Her position will be filled by **Nancy Rochlitz**, who will also continue teaching English.

**Laurie Bauer, Bayard** High School, reports that one of the benefits of having students check out books from her several thousand electronic books in netLibrary is that they are never overdue or lost. Laurie is also on the **NEMA** Board, and has planned a training day for school library media specialists on August 2. See the flyer in this newsletter.

Billie Lee Snyder Thornburg and her sister Bertie, authors of the book Bertie and Me, stories of growing up in the Sandhills of Nebraska, spoke and signed books at the **Arthur County** Library. Billie, at age 92, is also the founder of Old 101 Press, a publisher of living histories.

Nebraska author Jean Lukesh, media specialist at Walnut Middle School in Grand Island, has written a textbook, **The Nebraska Adventure** (Gibbs Smith).

A new international standard is expanding the current 10-digit ISBN number to a **13-digit ISBN** (international standard book number). It will be identical to the EAN Bookland 13-digit code that already appears encoded in the bar code on the back of a book. The official date for the new standard is Jan. 1, 2007, but publishers will begin to use both the 10 and 13-digit ISBN later this year.

The Nebraska Library Assn. (**NLA**) and the Nebraska Educational Media Assn. (**NEMA**) will hold their annual conference in Grand Island on October 6-8, 2004. Details will be available at <http://www.papillion.ne.us/~NLA2004/>

The "No Child Left Behind" Act has some funds in the category "**Improving Literacy Through School Libraries**" Title I Part B. The purpose of the **grants** is to improve reading achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials. Search [www.ed.gov/nclb](http://www.ed.gov/nclb). Another grant information source is [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), where you can access 900 programs from 26 agencies at one location.

PLS will sponsor author **Carole Nelson Douglas** on a tour of the region Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004. She will be making stops in Alliance, Chadron, Sidney, Gering, and Scottsbluff. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

## BITS AND PIECES

### **National Geographic Magazine**

now has an online index for searching any of the Society's publications, including NG from 1888 to the present, Adventure, Traveler, Kids (formerly World) and Explore magazines.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/publications/explore.html>.

**New library** starts across the state: Graves PL in Wakefield, St. Edward PL, Falls City, Grand Island.

If you are trying to locate "what comes next" in a series or to find the author of a series, try this: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/booksinseries/index.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/booksinseries/index.html).

Another valuable resource from the Nebraska Library Comm. is a link to Nebraska legal forms: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/FAQ/nebraskalegalforms.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/FAQ/nebraskalegalforms.html).

To receive a free Nebraska travel packet call 1-877-NEBRASKA or [www.visitnebraska.org](http://www.visitnebraska.org).

The experiences of several of Lincoln's newest immigrants and refugees from places such as Iraq, Mexico and Africa, are documented in the video "The **New Nebraskans**" produced by NET. It is 37 minutes long, and may be borrowed through Lincoln City Libraries interlibrary loan department: 402-441-8546.

Images taken from a collection of 600 photographs, 67 paintings, and 400 drawings by pioneer artist William Henry Jackson, as he observed the travelers on the overland trails, may be viewed on the Web as part of the **Oregon Trails** digitization project. These items came from Scotts Bluff National Monument. They would be an interesting addition to the "Trails" theme for summer reading programs. See them at <http://www.whjcollection.com>.

Another exploration resource is "American Journeys," a collection of eyewitness accounts of North American exploration, from the Vikings in AD1000 to the mountain men in the Rockies 800 years later. Read the words of explorers, Indians, missionaries, traders and settlers as they lived through the founding moments of American history. <http://www.americanjourneys.org>.

Summer goes fast, so mark your calendar now for Teen Read Week, October 17-23, 2004. The theme is "IT'S ALIVE! @ your library®". Teens will have fun planning an event that combines horror and suspense themes. For ideas and materials, check the Young Adult Library Services site [www.ala.org/teenread](http://www.ala.org/teenread).



### WEED OF THE MONTH

It's time to prepare your collection for the 2004 presidential election. The old number for political parties, 329, is no longer used. They are now in the 324's. After discarding ones you no longer need, you may want to change the numbers on those remaining. Weed old books on today's issues that may be incorrect or misleading (health care, social security). Maintain a balance on controversial issues. Examples to **weed**: How American Votes in the Presidential Election (1968); Strategies of American Electoral Politics (1971); A History of the Presidents (1976). Consider **adding**: American Presidential Campaigns and Elections (2003); Vote! (2003, gr.3-5); The Election of 2000 and the administration of George W. Bush (2003). For more weeding help: [www.sunlink.ucf.edu/weed/1103.html](http://www.sunlink.ucf.edu/weed/1103.html).

### GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The SBC Foundation is the charitable giving arm of SBC Communications. It is ranked in the top six corporate foundations. It supports efforts to strengthen diverse communities with an emphasis on education and technology. In 2004, \$9 million is available to non-profit organizations. Areas of emphasis include high speed access to Internet; network connectivity for sharing information systems, and technology training for staff. For more details: [www.sbc.com/foundation](http://www.sbc.com/foundation) - or call the Panhandle Library System office.

### FILTER FUN

A media specialist reported that because of her school's spam filter, she could not receive messages with the word "specialist" in the subject heading because it rejected any message containing the letters in "cialis."

### PRIME TIME FAMILY READING

Nancy Escamilla of Scottsbluff Public Library is the local coordinator for the Prime Time Family Reading Time® program, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Nebraska Humanities Council. She spent several days in New Orleans, Louisiana, attending training. The program targets families with children ages 6 to 10 who may be experiencing difficulty with reading, in an effort to foster a lifelong love of learning through reading. The six-week series of reading and discussion includes sessions on such themes as fairness, greed, courage, cleverness and determination. A discussion leader and a storyteller introduce parents to the benefits and pleasures of reading and discussing stories with their children. Prime Time aims to expand participants' understanding of reading through the use of children's literature with substantial humanities content. Prime Time emphasizes reading together and using the many resources and services of the public library. Other states receiving grants to host the program are California, Florida, Kentucky, Pennsylvania. It is an honor to have this successful national program in our area, and we congratulate Nancy for being selected to lead it. The exact dates for the fall events have not yet been determined.



### **SUSTAINING TECHNOLOGY**

At the NEBASE Annual Meeting on May 13, Bev Russell, SBPL, reported on a conference she attended in Seattle, sponsored by the Gates Foundation. The purpose of the meeting was for librarians from rural areas to come together with state library staff to identify problems and solutions for sustaining technology in libraries. From all parts of the country, the "barriers" were the same: money, time, aging infrastructure, staffing, technology changes/challenges. The greatest needs were for more training, technical support, advocacy to convince others of the need, and new funding sources. Although there are no easy solutions to these problems, participants shared ideas and brainstormed ways to improve the situation: form partnerships with other groups; find ways to share tech support; get local groups and professional associations to increase visibility of library needs; get more factual information to build the case to funding bodies. Receiving computers from the Gates Foundation revitalized many libraries. But now the libraries and their communities must come together to sustain and grow this resource.

### **PLS WEB SITE**

Panhandle Library System is providing the following information on its Web Site: upcoming events; items to borrow (books and videos) from the professional collection; a list of Board members; a link to the Panhandle Sun newsletter; and many links to useful sites such as the Nebraska Library Commission, e-rate updates, NebraskAccess, Web Junction. We encourage you to use the site for current information and welcome your suggestions for making it more useful.

### **NLW LOW-DOWN**

Across the region, libraries were bustling with special activities during National Library Week. Two libraries even got their trees to burst into bloom on cue. There were book sales and raffles in Gering, author book signing in Ogallala, an open house with refreshments served by the Library Board to 40 guests in Potter, lunchtime reading and no fines in Scottsbluff, family story time and open house in Alliance, poetry night in Rushville, genealogy program in Sidney. Lots of extra time and effort went into raising the visibility and the value of the library in your communities.

### **HEALTH RESOURCES**

An article in the May 1, 2004, Library Journal, said that an increasingly unsatisfactory medical system has left many Americans eager to take control of their own healthcare. But they need information to do so. Libraries can fill this need. One free resource to which we can direct customers is MedlinePlus, which provides health care information from the National Library of Medicine. Included is a medical encyclopedia, drug information, 650 topics with in-depth coverage, and tutorials – in English and Spanish. See the page in this newsletter for additional resources. If you would like to update your print collection of health resources, a list of the "Best Consumer Health Books for 2003" was in the May 1 issue of Library Journal. If you would like a copy, call the PLS office



**Panhandle Library System  
Board Meeting  
March 9, 2004  
Bluffs Business Center, Scottsbluff**

The Board of the Panhandle Library System met March 9, 2004 at the Bluffs Business Center in the upper level conference room. The meeting was called to order by President Maryruth Reed at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Maryruth Reed, Ruth Walker, Jill Ellis, Carolyn Brown, Lillian Diedrichsen, Diane Downer, Pat Gross, Vickie Retzlaff, Kathy Terrell, Cherie Longmuir, and Debbie McCall. Absent: Dena Crews.

Gene Rowland was welcomed and thanked for the Kinder Morgan Foundation grant.

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended and approved as amended.

There was a roundtable of school librarians. Pat reported that she was teaching the second group of sophomores. She is a new member of the Library Commission State Advisory Council on Libraries. Kathy reported that she is frustrated with a budget cut of \$3,500.00. She was glad to have Tom Merchant do the Dolphin presentation. Lillian reported that there will be a computer lab in the library. Ruth reported that she is dealing with budget cuts and the state testing is being done.

The Dana F. Cole and Company presented the auditor's report for June 30, 2003 and 2002. It was noted for future expense projections that the office rent will be going up 5% in August of this year and 5% in August of 2005.

Cherie presented her report. She had attended the Public Library Association meeting in Seattle as well as the other items that were listed in her report.

In the Financial Report, \$115.00 was collected from Follett Users Group/ Digital Camera workshop. Each person attending the Digital Camera workshop was charged a \$5.00 fee. Jim Soester was given \$60.00 for mileage. Lillian moved that a \$50.00 gift certificate be given to Jim Soester for doing the workshop. It was seconded by Carolyn. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with nine members present voting for the motion. Dena Crews was absent.

Carolyn Brown reported that the Publicity Committee will have Carole Nelson Douglas for the author tour. She will be here September 20-24, 2004. One series she wrote is Midnight Louie.

Jill Ellis reported that the annual meeting notice is going out.

Diane Downer reported that Sally Snyder will be doing the Summer Reading workshop at the Gering Public Library on April 2 from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm.

It was decided to sit out a year before doing Kids Explore again.

The Nebraska Library Commission has a full schedule of workshops and conferences in April and May for all types of libraries. The Panhandle Library System office has copies of the video tapes from the College of DuPage.

The bids were opened for the computer. The bid of \$300.00 was accepted from the Kimball Public Library.

Jill Ellis moved that the Personnel Policy be changed to include the current holidays with the addition of Martin Luther King and Columbus Day for the Administrative Assistant. Carolyn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with nine members voting for the change. Dena Crews was absent. The motion carried.

The Dolphin Scanner policy was discussed. The policy and contract was tabled until the next meeting.

The report of the survey for Learnatest showed that not many people are using it. The cost is \$2000 for all of the PLS public libraries. It was decided that the System will not fund it next year.

The Kinder Morgan Foundation grant will be used to fund the Summer Reading Theater. The deposit has been paid. It was suggested that we try to provide a less expensive program in more locations for next year.

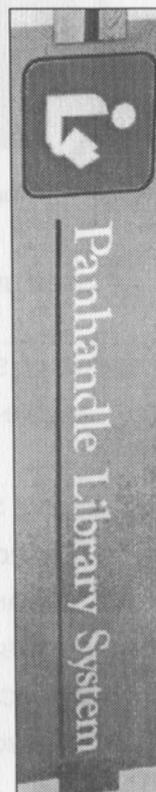
Grant ideas that were brought up for the System included a Continuing Education grant proposal to build the Systems' professional library. There was also some discussion about how to help small libraries become automated.

May 11 is the next board meeting at WNCC in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Ruth Walker  
Secretary

Pictured are members of the Panhandle Library System Board. Back row from left: Vickie Retzlaff, Maryruth Reed, Ruth Walker, Carolyn Brown, Diane Downer. Seated: Jill Ellis, Kathy Terrell, Lillian Diedrichsen. Not shown, Dena Crews and new member Allison McBride.



Sally Snyder helped us discover new trails for summer reading with workshop hosts Beth Trupp, Sandy Strey and Nadine DiBacco of Gering Public Library.



**Panhandle Library System  
2004 Author Tour Schedule  
Presents  
Carole Nelson Douglas  
September 20-24, 2004**

**SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004**

**EVENING RECEPTION -**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2004**

**CHADRON STATE COLLEGE**

**BOOK SIGNING - 11:00 A.M.**

**PRESENTATION - 1:00 P.M.**

**ALLIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**PUBLIC PERFORMANCE - 7:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004**

**KIMBALL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BROWN BAG LUNCHEON - 12:00 NOON**

**SIDNEY - WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**AUDITORIUM - PUBLIC PERFORMANCE - 7:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004**

**COPPERFIELD BOOKS, SCOTTSBLUFF**

**BOOK SIGNING - 10:00 A.M.**

**WNCC - SCOTTSBLUFF**

**RECEPTION AND PERFORMANCE - 2:30 P.M.**

**GERING CIVIC CENTER**

**PUBLIC PERFORMANCE - 7:00 P.M.**

Carole Nelson Douglas' versatile writing has received over 50 nominations and awards. Many of her 40 novels have appeared on mystery, fantasy, and romance bestseller lists. One suspense series features Irene Adler, in which the world of Sherlock Holmes is reinvented from the female viewpoint. Her mystery series, narrated by a hard-boiled feline private investigator in Las Vegas, known as Midnight Louie, satirizes the rogue male detective of American fiction. They have been described as "witty and thoroughly entertaining." Carole has many interests, including impersonating Marilyn Monroe, collecting vintage clothing, and caring for 7 cats and a dog. She will provide a lively, fun program, plus take time to visit and sign books.



Additional information and book order lists will be provided by the PLS office.

**Do you need multiple copies of books for book discussion groups? These titles are available to borrow from Library Systems offices as listed below.**

### **Nebraska Humanities Council Book Discussion Titles**

Please contact the System Office listed if you would like to borrow one of the following titles for use with your book discussion group.

#### **Eastern Library System Office**

Toll-free: 800-627-7884

Local: 402-330-7884

*Exoduster: Migration to Kansas after Reconstruction* by Nell Irwin Painter □ 21 copies

*Fools Crow* by James Welch □ 7 copies

*Canicula: Snapshots of a Girlhood en la Frontera* by Norma Canter □ 16 copies

*Mankiller: A Chief and Her People* by Wilma Mankiller □ 8 copies

*No-No Boy* by John Okada □ 7 copies

*In Love and Trouble* by Alice Walker □ 16 copies

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#### **Meridian Library System Office**

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*Giants in the Earth* by O.E. Rolvaag □ 11 copies

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*Shingling the Fog and Other Plains Lies* by Roger Welsch □ 35 copies

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*Hunger for Mercy* by Richard Rodriguez □ 16 copies

# *The Libri Foundation*

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### **Application Guidelines**

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, a library should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000), have a very limited budget, be in a rural area, and have an active children's department. Please note: Rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000.

Applications are accepted from independent libraries as well as libraries which are part of a county, regional, or cooperative library system. A library system may also apply if all the libraries in the system meet these requirements. Applications are accepted from school libraries only if they also serve as the public library.

A branch library may apply if the community it is in meets the definition of rural. If the branch library receives its funding from its parent institution, then the parent institution's total operating budget, not just the branch library's total operating budget, must meet the budget restrictions. Please note: Town libraries with total operating budgets over \$150,000 and county libraries with total operating budgets over \$350,000 are rarely given grants. The average total operating budget of a BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grant recipient is less than \$40,000.

Previous BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grant recipients are eligible to apply for a second grant three years after the receipt of their first grant. Libraries that do not fulfill all the grant requirements, including the final report, are not eligible for a second grant.

To request an application packet, please email your name and your library's name and mailing address to The Libri Foundation at [librifdn@teleport.com](mailto:librifdn@teleport.com). You may also request an application packet by mail, telephone, or fax at the address or phone numbers given above.

Grants are awarded three times a year. Application deadlines are: (postmarked by) March 15th, July 15th and November 15th. Grants are awarded April 30th, August 31st, and December 31st.

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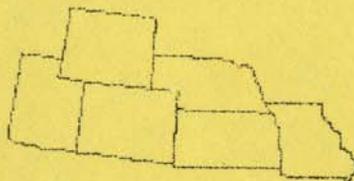
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## ***Health Professional Information***

**PubMed**, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/>.

The National Library of Medicine's free search service to access over 11 million references and abstracts in MEDLINE, with links to participating online journals. Some full-text journals are now accessible from this site.

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[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/loansome\\_doc.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/loansome_doc.html).

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Quality consumer health care information from The National Library of Medicine.

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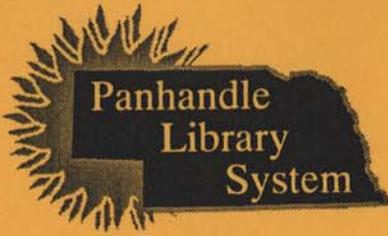
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**SUMMER THEATRE**  
**"A READING ODYSSEY"**  
**June 21 through June 26, 2004**  
**Schedule**

**Monday June 21, 2004**

10:00 A.M. Kimball Public Library – inside the library  
2:00 P.M. Gering Public Library – in the community room

**Tuesday June 22, 2004**

10:00 A.M. Scottsbluff Public Library – east side of library outside  
2:00 P.M. Morrill Public Library – in the Morrill Elementary School gymnasium

**Wednesday June 23, 2004**

10:00 A.M. Bayard Public Library – at Bayard High School auditorium  
2:00 P.M. Alliance Public Library – in the meeting room

**Thursday June 24, 2004**

10:00 A.M. Rushville Public Library – inside the library  
2:00 P.M. Chadron Public Library – in the library basement

**Friday June 25, 2004**

10:00 A.M. Goodall City Library (Ogallala) – at Band Shell Park  
1:30 P.M. Oshkosh Public Library – inside the library

**Saturday June 26, 2004**

10:00 A.M. Sidney Public Library – at West Elementary School-gymnasium

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"A Reading Odyssey"

Panhandle Library System's  
2004 Summer Reading  
Theatre Program

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Discover New Trails @ Your Library™ with the Children's Theatre of Florida as they create **A READING ODYSSEY** with your library's young readers!

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Complete with a sound system, this show promises to be a hit with your patrons for your summer reading program.

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**Nebraska Educational Media Association/  
Panhandle Library System Institute**

**Monday, August 2, 2004  
9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Alliance Learning Center (Alliance Public Library)  
1750 Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance, NE**

**\$10.00 registration fee includes lunch**

**Please register by June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Make checks payable to NEMA**

**Send registration and checks to Panhandle Library System  
1517 Broadway, Suite 129, Scottsbluff, NE 69361**

**Sessions offered:**

**Advance Searching Training on the Internet  
Information Literacy and Life-long Learning  
Online Review Sites  
Evaluating Library Media Programs**

**All sessions will be repeated**

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**NEMA/PLS INSTITUTE  
August 2, 2004  
REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
SUMMER PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Make checks payable to NEMA.**

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## Database Roadshow 2004

**The 2004 Database Roadshow has been expanded to cover NebraskAccess!**

The seventh annual Database Roadshow will cover NebraskAccess including the databases available and the Librarian's Toolbox, where librarians can go to find promotional and training information. The Roadshow will be divided into segments, with each focusing on a particular database. During each segment we will discuss and demonstrate a database, and then the class will have hands-on time to practice what they learned. Please bring any questions you may have and we will help you work through them during the hands-on time.

- All sessions will run from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.
- There will be a one hour lunch break at *approximately 11:30*. **Lunch is on your own.**
- There is no cost to attend the Database Roadshow.
- Continuing Education credits of 5 hours can be earned by attending the Roadshow. Registration deadline is June 11, 2004

Two locations near you:

**Chadron** - June 22 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm MDT  
Chadron State College, Miller Hall, Chadron

**North Platte** - August 3 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
North Platte Community College, 601 W. State Farm Rd., North Platte

For more Database Roadshow locations see the registration form.

**To register go to:** <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/roadshow.html>

A minimum of five registered participants are required to hold a Database Roadshow. If the minimum registration is not met five business days before the scheduled date of the Roadshow, that session can be canceled and those who have registered will be notified via e-mail.

Please notify the Network Services Department at least 24 hours in advance if you have registered but can not attend a session. Call Jeannette Powell at 800-307-2665 or e-mail [jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us) to cancel.

## Personnel Workshop in Alliance for Board Members, City Clerks and Library Directors

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**Municipal clerks, Board members, Librarians:** Mark your calendars for a public library-related personnel workshop coming to Alliance in July 2004. Maggie Stine and Jack Schultz, two attorneys with labor expertise from the law firm of Harding, Schultz & Downs, will present a jam-packed workshop at four locations across the state.

If you have ever been kept up nights by worrying about:

- Performance evaluations, recruitment and hiring
- Wages and benefits
- Conflicts of interest
- Disciplining
- Termination
- Volunteers
- Board powers
- Grievances
- The "open meetings" law
- "At will" employees
- Personnel policies, etc.

- this is the workshop for you. Come one, come all: city, township, or village clerks; library board members; and library directors. You will learn and be able to share information about how to handle personnel issues.

These workshops are sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission, in cooperation with the Regional Library Systems, and supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, as administered by the state of Nebraska.

Workshops will be offered at the following four Nebraska locations:

- Tuesday, July 20, 2004 – Wilson Public Library, 910 Meridian, Cozad
- Friday, July 23, 2004 – Platte River State Park, 14421 346th St., Louisville
- Monday, July 26, 2004 – Schuyler Public Library, 1123 A St., Schuyler
- **Thursday, July 29, 2004 – Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater Ave., Alliance**

Each workshop will run from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. local time, either Central or Mountain. Cost to attend: \$10 for first person registered from each town; \$5 for each additional person from the same town. For example, if your city clerk, a library board member, and the librarian attend, all three will participate and have lunch for \$20. Lunch will be provided onsite. Make checks out to the Nebraska Library Commission. **Payment must be received by July 10 to complete registration.** Each person participating in either the Public Librarian or Board Certification process will receive 5 CE credits. Continuing Education (CE) Credits are issued by the Nebraska Library Commission as part of the Nebraska Public Librarian or Board Certification Program.

See other side for registration

**Personnel Workshop July 2004  
Registration Form**

Name and position of each attendee:

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Library \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Location attending (please choose one):

- \_\_\_\_ Wilson Public Library (Cozad), July 20
- \_\_\_\_ Platte River State Park (Louisville), July 23
- \_\_\_\_ Schuyler Public Library, July 26
- \_\_\_\_ Alliance Public Library, July 29

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Calculate fee by starting with \$10 for the first person from your town and adding \$5 for each additional person.)

Send payment with registration form, including preferred location, to: Jacque Crocker, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, Suite 120, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023. Call her at 800-307-2665 or 402-471-4037, fax: 402-471-2083, or e-mail reservations to [jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us). **Payment must be received by July 10 to complete registration.** For questions concerning the workshop content, please contact Richard Miller at the above address or by e-mail at [rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us).

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
10TH ANNUAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2004 / 9:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.**

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE / LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER**

**801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE**

**This year's Festival has been funded by the Norfolk Library Foundation, the City of Norfolk,  
& the SCYP division of the Nebraska Library Association.**

***FEATURING AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS:***

**\*ROBERT J. BLAKE\***

**2005 Golden Sower Award nominee for *TOGO***

**Also author/illustrator of *SANTA PAWS—THE FOREST WE PLANTED—FLEDGING—DOG—RIPTIDE—AKIAK—YUDONSI: A TALE FROM THE CANYONS—SPRAY* and more...**

**\*ELISA CARBONE\***

**2005 Golden Sower Award nominee for *STORM WARRIORS***

**Also author of *STEALING FREEDOM—STARTING SCHOOL WITH AN ENEMY—SARAH AND THE NAKED TRUTH* and more...**

**\*WILL WEAVER\***

**2005 Golden Sower Award nominee for *MEMORY BOY***

**Also author of *STRIKING OUT—FARM TEAM—HARD BALL—CLAWS* and more...**

**ALSO**

- 2004-2005 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff
- Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Blake, Carbone, & Weaver
- Book Display & Sales by Sheridan County Publishing Company of Gordon, NE of books by & about the Sandoz family as well as rare & unusual histories & memoirs of the Sandhills
- Sales of Golden Sower Items
- Autograph Session/Book Signing with Robert J. Blake, Elisa Carbone & Will Weaver
- Door Prizes
- Five Continuing Education Hours from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians
- Two Professional Growth Points for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools

**TICKETS: Youth (Age 18 & under): \$5.00/advance or \$7.00/door      Adults: \$15.00/advance or \$20.00/door**

**Free admittance to current members of the SCYP division of the Nebraska Library Association**

**Advance tickets are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order. To order tickets by mail, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with full payment (make checks payable to "Norfolk Library Foundation—Literature Festival") to:**

**Literature Festival  
Norfolk Public Library  
308 Prospect Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701**

**For more information, contact Karen Drevo at the above address or by:  
Phone: 402/844-2100\*\*\*Fax: 402/844-2102\*\*\*e-mail: kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us**

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**WELCOME TO NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL  
JULY 31, 2004**

**The Norfolk Library Foundation, the City of Norfolk, & the SCYP division of the Nebraska Library Association  
have funded this year's Festival. Doors open at 8:15 at the Lifelong Learning Center  
at Northeast Community College, 801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE.**

***PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. NO AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDING ALLOWED. THANK YOU!***

**9:00 A.M.-10:15 A.M.**

**Writer's Workshops for Students by Robert J. Blake, Elisa Carbone, and Will Weaver  
OR**

**9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M.**

**2004-2005 GOLDEN SOWER PREVIEWS  
by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff of Norfolk Public Library**

**10:30 A.M.-10:45 A.M.**

**BREAK**

**Take time to see the Book Displays/Sales by various vendors & the Golden Sower Display/Sales**

**10:45 A.M.-11:45 A.M.**

**Presentation by Robert J. Blake  
Illustrator of the 1993 K-3 Golden Sower Award Winner, *RIPTIDE*  
2005 K-3 Golden Sower Award nominee for *TOGO***

**11:45 A.M. -1:00 P.M.**

**Lunch "on your own" & time to purchase books and Golden Sower items**

**1:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.**

**Presentation by Elisa Carbone  
2005 Grades 4-6 Golden Sower Award nominee for *STORM WARRIORS***

**2:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.**

**Presentation by Will Weaver  
2005 Young Adult Golden Sower Nominee for *MEMORY BOY***

**3:00 P.M.-3:15 P.M.**

**DOOR PRIZES—Must be present to win!**

**3:15 P.M.-4:00 P.M.**

**AUTOGRAPH SESSION with authors Robert J. Blake, Elisa Carbone, and Will Weaver**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Teachers employed by Norfolk Public Schools who wish to receive 2 Professional Growth Points and Public &  
School Librarians who wish to receive 5 Continuing Education Hours (from the Nebraska Library Commission) for  
attending today's Festival—BE SURE TO SIGN IN TO GET YOUR POINTS/CE HOURS.**

**THANK YOU for attending today's Festival. We hope you had a wonderful day. *Please turn in evaluation forms!*  
MARK your calendars for Norfolk Public Library's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Literature Festival on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

## UPCOMING LEWIS AND CLARK EVENTS THROUGHOUT NEBRASKA

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- >
- > FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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- > 402-471-3797, 800-228-4307,
- > or e-mail: [marye@VisitNebraska.org](mailto:marye@VisitNebraska.org)
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- > Between now and the end of 2004, many
- > Nebraska communities near the Missouri River will be observing
- > the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Communities
- > from Rulo to Lynch will invite visitors to "Grab History by the Trail."
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- > The grand opening of the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark
- > Interpretive Trail and Visitors Center will take place July 30 in
- > Nebraska City. This center is the first in the nation to focus on the
- > scientific discoveries made during the expedition. Visitors of all
- > ages will learn about the more than 300 discoveries of flora and
- > fauna made by Lewis and Clark.
- >
- > Nebraska's two-part signature event, "The Nebraska Lewis and
- > Clark Bicentennial Commemoration" will be held July 31-August 3.
- > The event will feature the "Corps of Discovery Festival" at Fort
- > Atkinson State Historical Park in Fort Calhoun and the "First Tribal
- > Council" in Elmwood Park in Omaha.
- >
- > The "Corps of Discovery Festival" at Fort Atkinson will include living
- > history encampments of the Corps of Discovery and Native
- > Americans who will bring the early 1800s to life with historically
- > accurate shelter, clothing and daily activities. Nationally-known
- > American Indian musicians, storytellers and educators will
- > entertain crowds with period music, crafts and demonstrations. The
- > event hours are Saturday, July 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, August
- > 1, Noon-6 p.m.; and Monday and Tuesday, August 2 and 3, 10 am - 4 pm
- > "First Tribal Council" is a dramatic interpretation of the first
- > official
- > meeting between the expedition and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe.
- > Actors from Lincoln, Nebr., New York and Chicago were chosen to
- > fill the 20-member cast. A concerto, written by renowned composer
- > Philip Glass, will be performed by R. Carlos Nakai, the premier
- > Native American flutist in the nation. The dramatization will be held
- > July 31-August 3 at 8 p.m.
- >
- > The 200th Annual Harvest Dance will be held August 23-29 in
- > Macy. This event includes dances performed by members of the
- > Omaha Tribe who are dressed in traditional attire during the
- > weeklong event.
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For more information about these events, visit the Nebraska  
Division of Travel and Tourism Web site at: [www.VisitNebraska.org](http://www.VisitNebraska.org),  
or call 1-877-NEBRASKA to receive a free travel packet.

- > Additional events include:
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- > \* Lewis and Clark on the Great Plains: The Natural History--May 7-
- > August 29, Great Plains Art Gallery, Lincoln
- >
- > \* Lewis and Clark Celestial Navigation--May 8-August 29, Omaha
- > Children's Museum, STARlab, 500 S. 20th St., Omaha
- >
- > \* Lewis and Clark Commemorative Stamp Dedication--May 14,
- > Lewis and Clark Landing, Omaha
- >
- > \* Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery Through the Eyes of a Crew
- > Member--May 26, 7 p.m., Wayne State College, Ramsey Theater,
- > Wayne
- >
- > \* Lewis and Clark Summer Series in Historic Brownville--May 29,
- > June 5, June 12, June 19, July 3, and July 10, 4 p.m., Spirit of
- > Brownville Riverboat, S. off Hwy. 136 onto 1st St., Brownville
- >
- > \* The Voyage of Discovery: Lewis and Clark's Journey Through
- > Stamps--June 1-December 31, Stamp Center, 13628 Flanagan
- > Blvd., Boys Town
- >
- > \* The Nature of Lewis and Clark on the Great Plains Annual
- > Symposium--June 3-5, Thursday, 3-6:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6
- > p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Lied Conference Center at Arbor
- > Day Farm, 2700 Sylvan Rd., Nebraska City
- >
- > \* Navigating Our Passages: Celebrating Lewis and Clark at the
- > 1904 World's Fair--June 20, 2 p.m., Krumme Memorial Arboretum,
- > W. 25th St., Falls City
- >
- > \* Rivers, Edens, Empires: Lewis and Clark and the Revealing of
- > America--July 10-October 3, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;
- > Sunday, Noon-4 p.m.; Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St., Omaha
- >
- > \* Lewis and Clark Program--July 11, 1401 Chase St., Falls City
- >
- > \* Lewis and Clark Art Exhibit--July 25-August 31, Washington
- > County Museum, 102 N. 14th St., Fort Calhoun
- >
- > \* Lewis and Clark Commemorative Art Display--August 2-31,
- > Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D
- > Office, 408 N. Oakland Ave., Oakland
- >
- > \* Pathway to the Past--A Celebration of the Journey of Lewis and
- > Clark--August 5-8, Burt County Museum, 319 N. 13th St., Tekamah
- >
- > \* Lewis and Clark Day--August 10, Decatur
- >
- > \* Lewis and Clark Fish Camp II--August 14, Crystal Cove Park, W.
- > 39th St., South Sioux City
- >