

The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System

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Grant funding is available for all types of libraries. However, locating appropriate grant opportunities is often very time consuming. There is currently “stimulus” money available to public libraries from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. See page 10 of the Panhandle Sun for detailed information. Here is a list of current grant opportunities for libraries.

NEH Small Grants to Libraries: Louisa May Alcott, The Woman Behind Little Women:

The NEH Small Grants to Libraries program brings traveling exhibitions and other types of humanities public programming to libraries across the country. “Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women—Library Outreach Programs” is a collaboration between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the American Library Association (ALA), and Nancy Porter and Harriet Reisen for Filmmakers Collaborative. Website: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/SGL_Alcott.html Deadline: 7/30/2010

Build-A-Bear Literacy and Education Grants: Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. is accepting grant applications as part of its annual giving program. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation supports charities in the US and Canada through grant programs including Literacy and Education Grants which provide support for children in literacy and education programs such as summer reading programs, early childhood education programs, and literacy programs for children with special needs. Grants are a one-time contribution, and range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Website: <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/default.aspx>. Deadline: Ongoing, starting 3/2010

LLCF library grant program : The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards grants for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade 12. Grants for 2010 will range from \$500 to \$3000 and are specifically for children’s book purchases rather than administrative or operational uses. The LLCF library grant program provides grants for public libraries, school libraries, and charitable organizations [501(c)(3)] that have lending libraries where children up to age 18 may check out books to read or to use for gathering information. Website: <http://www.loislenskicovey.org/6.html> Deadline: 6/15/2010

Thomson Gale TEAMS Award: The Thomson Gale TEAMS Award is open to all K-12 public and private school teachers in the US who have collaborated with media specialists to promote learning and increase student achievement. Three winners will receive \$2,500, Gale products, a one-year subscription to Library Media Connection, and a choice of professional publications from Linworth Books. Winners will also be featured in a Library Media Connection article. Website: <http://www.galeschools.com/TEAMS/> Deadline: 6/15/2011

Libri Foundation: The Libri Foundation is a nationwide nonprofit organization that donates new, quality hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the US through its Books for Children program. Website: <http://www.librifoundation.org> Deadline: 8/15/2010

ARSL Conference Scholarships: The 2010 Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) conference is in Denver this fall. There are three available scholarships: the Dr. Bernard Vavrek Scholarship, the Founders Scholarship and the Ken Davenport. Website: <http://www.arsl.info/annual-conference-awards-calendar/award-scholarship-info/> Deadline 7/1/2010

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Upcoming Events

June 7, 2010 Librarians Meeting

Location: WNCC – Sidney Campus, 371 College Dr, Sidney, NE

Time: 10:00 am Topic: Shared Automation Project

Contact: PLS Office 308-632-1350 or 888-879-5303 or jclapper@charterinternet.com

June 14-15, 2010 Heartland School Library Conference 2010

Location: W.H. Thompson Alumni Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Time: Come for one day or both days

Keynote Speakers: Cassandra Barnett, President, American Assoc. of School Librarians
Pam Berger, Publisher & Editor of Information Searcher & Author of
Internet for Active Learners (ALA Editions)

Contact: Dr. Becky Pasco, UNO School Library Media Program Coordinator, 402-554-2119 or
1-800-858-8648 x 2119, or rpasco@unomaha.edu

July 6, 2010 Nebraska Library Leadership Reunion

Location: St. Benedict Retreat Center, Schuyler

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Cost: \$20, includes lunch Featured Speaker: Jamie LaRue

Contact: Kathy Tooker at Eastern Library System, 402-330-7884 or ktooker@windstream.net

July 13, 2010 Librarians Meeting

Location: Rushville Public Library, 207 Sprague Street, Rushville, NE

Time: 10:00 am Topic: Shared Automation Project

Contact: PLS Office 308-632-1350 or 888-879-5303 or jclapper@charterinternet.com

July 23, 2010 Panhandle Library System Annual Meeting – “Safari, So Good”

Location: Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater Ave, Suite 101, Alliance, NE

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Cost: \$12.00

Featured Speaker: Isabel Hoy, Goshen County Library Director

Contact: PLS Office 308-632-1350 or 888-879-5303 or jclapper@charterinternet.com

July 27, 2010 The 13th Annual Database Roadshow

Location: Western Nebraska Community College – 1601 East 27th St, Scottsbluff, NE

Time: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm (MT)

The Database Roadshow will provide Nebraska librarians and media specialists with an overview of the NebraskAccess web site, as well as hands-on training on the state-funded databases available through NebraskAccess. The Roadshow will also include a tour of the Librarian’s Toolbox, which contains promotional and training material about NebraskAccess. Please bring any questions you may have and we will help you work through them during the hands-on time. To register: Go to the Nebraska Library Commission’s [Training Portal and search on Roadshow.](#)

August 3, 2010 Annual PLS/NEMA Workshop – Tech Extravaganza

Location: WNCC – Sidney Campus, 371 College Dr, Sidney, NE

Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Cost: \$15.00

Refer to flyer for list of sessions, featured speakers and full event information.

Contact: PLS Office 308-632-1350 or 888-879-5303 or Jclapper@charterinternet.com

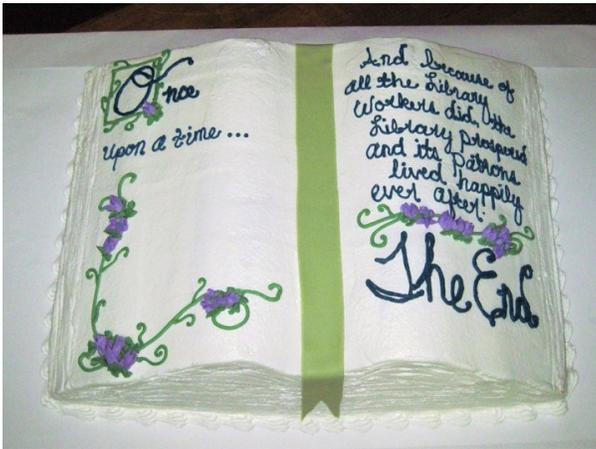
August 4, 2010 WordPress Training w/Michael Sauers

Location: WNCC – Sidney Campus, 371 College Drive, Sidney, NE

Time: To be determined

By special invitation only: Ten libraries will be chosen to attend, more information to come!

News from Around the Panhandle



The Friends of the Sidney Public Library helped the staff celebrate National Library Workers Day with a book cake (see photo.) The Friends helped kick-off the Summer Reading Program with a Family Fun Day, June 5 from 10 to 1. They served hot dogs, chips and a drink for \$3.00. A dessert bake sale and book sale was held. Some of the activities were face painting, water balloon toss, bubbles, sand box, balloon animals, sidewalk chalk, wii games, board games, crafts and story times. Fun was had by all.

The Hemingford Public Library hosted an event in honor of the unveiling of the Duhon Memorial Mural, painted by Aaron Wade. The mural was made possible through a bequest from the late Frank Duhon. Senator LeRoy Loudon pulled back the veil at the ceremony to reveal the mural.



Twelve students participated in Nebraska Library Commission's Basic Skills: Organization of Materials class at Alliance Public Library—April 31, May 7, and May 14.



Are You Looking For Fun Ways To Involve Teens In Library Programming?

YALSA has launched three literacy campaigns:

First, **2010 Teen Read Week registration** is now open. Visit www.ala.org/teenread to register for our 2010 celebration. In addition to free registration, visitors to the Teen Read Week website can find activity ideas relating to this year's theme, planning resources, publicity tools and applications for Teen Read Week Mini Grants. Teen Read Week will be celebrated Oct. 17-23, with a theme of Books with Beat @ your library, which encourages teens to read poetry, audiobooks, books about music and more, for the fun of it. Registration benefits include access to the 2010 theme logo, the chance to win a collection of four books from Cinco Puntos, and a collection of 25 titles from Viz Media. The first 300 YALSA members to register will receive a copy of *Hearts at Stake* by Alyxandra Harvey.

Second, the **Teens' Top Ten** nominations are live at www.ala.org/teenstopten. See who made the list of this year's 26 nominees. Have your teens start reading them now so they can vote for their favorites in August and September. Download the 26 official nominees and a toolkit with reproducible and ideas for promoting the nominees in your library. The winners will be announced during Teen Read Week, Oct. 17-23. In addition, YALSA is accepting applications for the 2010-2012 YA Galley groups, fifteen book groups who determine the nominees each year. Learn more and apply at www.ala.org/teenstopten.

Finally, YALSA has also opened registration for the **2010 WrestleMania Reading Challenge** at www.ala.org/wrestlemania. The WrestleMania Reading Challenge has been revamped as it enters its fifth year. The Challenge now will take place over a period of one week, during Teen Read Week. Librarians and educators: register to participate through July 31 at www.ala.org/wrestlemania. As part of the Challenge activities, students will pledge to read 5 books or graphic novels between Teen Read Week and WrestleMania 27 on April 3, 2011. They may also complete a competitive project during Teen Read Week if they want to be eligible to win a trip to WrestleMania. The students chosen as Grand Prize Winners represent their libraries at the WrestleMania Reading Challenge World Finals in Atlanta on April 2, 2011 and win their libraries \$2,000 grants and other prizes.

Please contact yalsa@ala.org or 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4390 if you should have any questions.

Library Advocacy Day

For one year only, Library Advocacy Day will replace National Library Legislative Day (NLLD). On June 29, 2010, library advocates from all 50 states and Washington, D.C. will meet at Upper Senate Park on the U.S. Capitol grounds. The event, which will begin at 11 a.m., will feature guest speakers, photo ops, and a chance to cheer on libraries! After the rally, participants will meet with their elected officials and their staffs.

The states with the most people will be featured front and center, which means they are the ones that will be in the majority of pictures. Make sure our state is the most represented so our group can be in the most pictures! Your NLLD coordinator will be running point for your state, so please get in touch with him if you plan to attend. The NLLD coordinator for Nebraska is Rod Wagner, (402) 471-4001, rwagner@nlc.state.ne.us

Student Internship Grants Available

The Nebraska Library Association and Nebraska Library Commission will offer grants to accredited public libraries for student internships. This joint project, Cultivating Nebraska Librarians 2.0: Building 21st Century Skills, is funded through a grant from a Nebraska foundation. These internships for youth workers are a follow-up to last year's highly successful program, which was made possible through a grant from a Nebraska foundation, and a 2008-2009 program made possible through a federal grant to the Nebraska Library Commission. Internships introduce promising high school and college students to the varied and exciting work of Nebraska libraries. The internship functions as a recruitment tool, helping the participant view the library as a viable career opportunity.

Previous internships yielded great responses:

“I enjoyed the sense of fulfillment derived from helping patrons find/check out what they want, and most of all organizing and preparing the books to be put out for their reading.” — 2009 college intern

“I liked the satisfaction I got from day to day knowing I was helping people, and it's always fun to work with kids.” — 2009 high-school intern

“The internship really gets students involved in libraries and helps them to understand what really goes on at a library behind the scenes. These are things that patrons don't understand or see by just using the library. The internship gives the student a taste for the variety of daily tasks that librarians do. One comment that we have gotten from students that come to work at a smaller library is how they really enjoy helping in a variety of areas of library work.” — 2009 internship supervisor

“I now possess a new understanding of how challenging working in the library can be. Additionally, the work I have performed for this internship has inspired me to attend graduate school to earn a master's degree so that I may pursue a more advanced career in the library.”
—2008 college intern

“I knew that librarians did many of the things I originally thought, but I have learned how much work is involved in this and how busy you can be. Our librarians do so much for our community and take on many activities and programs.”—
2008 high-school intern

Each internship grant provides a stipend of up to \$1,000 for a student or students to work with library staff on a variety of projects and activities. Student interns provide valuable assistance with library service activities and local library programming. Library staff help introduce high school or college students to the joys of library service careers. Grant criteria and processes are currently under development.

Application forms will be available beginning April 28, 2010. For more information, see www.NowHiringAtYourLibrary.org or www.nebraskalibraries.org, or contact [Kathryn Brockmeier](mailto:Kathryn.Brockmeier@nebraskalibraries.org), Nebraska Library Commission Special Projects Associate, 402-471-4002 or 800-307-2665.





**2009-2010 WINNERS
and HONOR BOOKS**

<http://www.goldensower.org>

Selected by a record-breaking 70,009 readers
across the great state of Nebraska!

Primary Winner

The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the School by Judy Sierra; illustrated by Stephen Gammell

Primary Honor Books

Woolbur by Leslie Helakoski; illustrated by Lee Harper

Dogku by Andrew Clements; illustrated by Tim Bowers

Intermediate Winner

Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn

Intermediate Honor Books

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart; illustrated by Carson Ellis

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Young Adult Winner

Cracker!: **The Best Dog in Vietnam** by Cynthia Kadohata

Young Adult Honor Books

The Rules of Survival by Nancy Werlin

Peak by Roland Smith

The Panhandle Library System's Shared Automation Project is Underway

The Panhandle Library System has been working on a shared automation project for the past year. Many of our member libraries have expressed interest in developing an environment where libraries can view neighboring library's catalogs and share resources. PLS has already received quotes from several vendors. The PLS Technology Committee met May 21, 2010 to work toward finalizing the shared automation project. The committee is in the process of determining the type of shared environment our libraries would prefer, and coming up with a list of criteria for our automation system. The committee is compiling a list of questions to ask our selected vendors. We will schedule demonstration and testing sessions with the selected vendors soon. Please let us know if you have specific questions that you would like the PLS Technology Committee to address, or if you wish to serve on the committee.

We will talk about shared automation systems and PLS's automation project at the next two PLS librarian's meetings. The first meeting is being held June 7th at WNCC-Sidney. The next meeting is at Rushville Public Library on July 13.

Both meetings run from 10am to 12 noon.

A Preview of the 2009-2010 Public Library Survey

Background : Every year the Nebraska Library Commission, along with state library agencies from all other states and U.S. territories, collects statistics through the *Public Library Survey*. There are almost 90 shared data elements in this survey that are used to analyze and compare public library service in the U.S. In Nebraska, these data, along with some state-wide information, are gathered through an online survey instrument known as *Bibliostat™ Collect*. Submission of this survey is required to become eligible for the public library accreditation program and for state aid to public libraries.



Changes for FY 2009-2010: There are often small changes in the national survey, depending on decisions by members of the *Public Library Statistics Cooperative* (PLSC) who meet as a group once a year. In 2008, for example, the state data coordinators voted to include data elements to measure the number of programs and program attendance by young adults. Some 2009 state surveys (including Nebraska's) added these elements on a trial basis to see if they needed refinement. In 2010 they will be included as official data collection elements.

At the 2009 State Data Coordinator conference, the following additions, changes, and deletions were proposed and approved.

- **Additions:** 1. Begin counting the number of annual public service hours for central libraries, branches, and book-mobiles at the outlet level (now counted only at the central facility level). 2. Count the number of weeks a library is open at the outlet level. Nebraska already counts this at the state level for central libraries only. These new elements will be included only on a trial basis the first year.
- **Changes:** When counting the collection holdings for audio and video items, separate the counts for physical units and downloadable titles. There have been many questions about counting downloads, such as MP3 files, in the same total as physical units, like CDs and DVDs. So, now they will be separate counts. This change will be made only as a trial during the 2009-2010 survey.
- **Deletion:** Stop counting the number of electronic serial subscriptions. So few libraries actually subscribe to electronic serials, it was decided to eliminate the category, beginning with the 2009-2010 survey.

Public Library Survey schedule for reporting fiscal year 2009-2010 data: We plan to release the next Nebraska survey on November 15th, 2010 with a due date of February 14, 2011.

For more information please contact John Felton, Planning & Data Services Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission at 800.307.2665, or john.felton@nebraska.gov

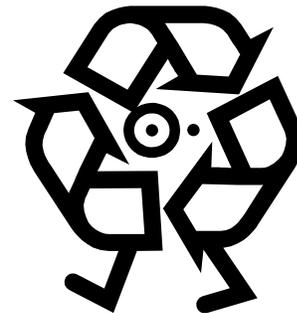
Meet the Newly Elected Panhandle Library System Board Members:

- **Sara Brenneman**, Hyannis, NE —representing District D
- **Terry Christensen**, Alliance, NE—representing School Libraries
- **Merrillene Wood**, Sidney, NE—representing Academic/Special Libraries

The new members will be welcomed and given their pins at the PLS Annual Meeting, July 23, 2010, which is their first official board meeting.

Nebraska Library Commission Offers Conservation Resources

Treasured objects and artifacts held by Nebraska libraries and museums will be preserved for future generations with help from the *IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf*, a core set of conservation books and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS has now awarded nearly 3,000 free sets of the IMLS Bookshelf, in cooperation with the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH).



“When IMLS launched this initiative to improve the dire state of our nation’s collections, we understood that the materials gathered for the Bookshelf would serve as important tools for museums, libraries, and archives nationwide,” said Anne-Imelda Radice, Director of IMLS. “We were both pleased and encouraged by the overwhelming interest of institutions prepared to answer the call to action, and we know that with their dedication, artifacts from our shared history will be preserved for future generations.”

The Nebraska Library Commission received this essential set of resources based on an application describing the needs for the care of its collections and plans to share these resources with museums and libraries across Nebraska. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for zoos, aquaria, public gardens, and nature centers. It addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collection management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally-specific conservation issues.

Libraries and museums are encouraged to contact Nebraska Library Commission Information and Reference Services to borrow these resources. Call: 800-307-2665 (Nebraska only) or 402-471-4016 Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. CST; fax: 402-471-6244; or e-mail: nlc.ask@nebraska.gov. A list of the materials in the collection is available on the Nebraska Library Commission blog at www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/nlc/2009/08/connecting_to_collections_book_1.html. The IMLS Bookshelf is a crucial component of *Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action*, a conservation initiative that the Institute launched in 2006. IMLS began the initiative in response to a 2005 study released in partnership with Heritage Preservation, *A Public Trust at Risk: The Heritage Health Index Report on the State of America’s Collections*. The multi-faceted, multi-year initiative shines a nationwide spotlight on the needs of America’s collections, especially those held by smaller institutions, which often lack the human and financial resources necessary to adequately care for their collections. For more information on the *Connecting to Collections* initiative, see www.imls.gov/collections. The most up-to-date news releases from the Nebraska Library Commission are always available on the Library Commission home page, www.nlc.nebraska.gov, search on News Releases. As the state library agency, the Nebraska Library Commission is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services, “**bringing together people and information.**”

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.imls.gov.

EBSCO K-12 Database Training – for Media Specialists, K-12 Teachers and Tech. Staff



Hands-On training will focus on the research and classroom utilization of these new online resources. EBSCO representatives, Amanda Winseck and Kathy Kiely will present a ½ day training at two ESU 13 sites.

----Ultra Online Package (Secondary): ERIC, Health Source:Consumer Edition, MAS Ultra-School Edition, Newspaper Source, Professional Development Collection, TOPICsearch

----Middle Online Package: ERIC, Health Source:Consumer Edition, Middle SearchPlus, Newspaper Source, Professional Development Collection, TOPICsearch

----Primary Online Package: ERIC,Image Collection, Newspaper Source, Primary Search, Professional Development Collection

To Register: e-mail soar@esu13.org indicate title/date, call 308-635-0661 or Call Sandy White 308-254-4677

Locations, Dates & Times (choose ONE ½ day training):

- ESU 13 Scottsbluff Computer Lab, 4215 Avenue I
Tuesday, August 31st, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. OR
- ESU 13 Scottsbluff Computer Lab, 4215 Avenue I
Tuesday, August 31st, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. OR
- ESU 13 Sidney Computer Lab, 1114 Toledo Street
Wednesday, September 1st, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- On Wednesday morning, DL sites may be set up from 9-10 a.m., as requested for an overview of the databases, but the hands-on training will be onsite at the computer labs. Contact swhite@panesu.org

Panhandle Library System
Board Minutes, Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Bluffs Business Center, Scottsbluff, NE

President Vickie Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members present: Rick Caudillo, Terry Christensen, Lori Hartman, Glenda Gamby, Floyd Smith III, Vickie Retzlaff, Dixie Riley, Sue Shaver, and Beth Trupp.

Kendra Caskey was absent. Also present were Margie Harrison and Jeralyn Clapper.

The March 9, 2010 agenda was approved by Vicki. The motion carried.

The minutes from January 12, 2010 were approved. Beth made the motion and Floyd seconded it. The motion carried.

Correspondence: A picture from the newspaper, taken at the Librarians Meeting in Broadwater, was passed around by Margie for the board members to see. We also received a thank you letter from the NLC regarding the Ellen Klages Tour and a letter from Stephanie O'Connor at the Alliance Public Library regarding the success of last year's Summer Reading Program and Mr. Conrad's Musicademy performance. The letters were saved.

Round Table: Vicki reported that the Grant County Library seems to be busier than ever. People are reading and using the computers more. The state of the economy may also be contributing to the increase in library traffic. The library just received \$1,950.00 phase one grant money from the Gates Foundation which will be used to purchase a new computer. Phase two money will be used for another computer next year. Seven letters were gathered from the community to help apply for the BTOP grant.

Dixie reported that the Chappell Memorial Library is business as usual. The library is only open fifteen hours a week, so they are always busy trying to get everything done in that small amount of time. They are still dealing with the basement torn up from last summer's water damage.

Beth reported that everything is still up in the air for the Gering Public Library building. The city council is pushing for them to move to a new location. A local man has some land he wants to develop for a library and lease it to the city for 15 years. All options are being considered. A letter has been submitted applying for the BTOP grant. The library is hosting the 2010 Summer Reading Program Workshop on March 22nd.

PLS Committees: The Annual Meeting Committee - Dixie reported the committee met and has chosen July 23rd as the date for the Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held in Alliance, NE. The theme is "Safari-So Good". Sharon has contacted a caterer and Eileen has contacted a speaker. CE/Tech Committee - Floyd reported the committee is still researching different sources and software for a new automation system. Mandarin Oasis and Alexandria are two being discussed. Several companies have been contacted and we are waiting to hear back with price quotes. Floyd is checking into demo websites so the committee can test the software. Nominating Committee - So far four people, Sara Brenne-
mann, Merrilene Wood, Terry Christensen and Shawn Hartman have been nominated to fill the upcoming open board member positions. Other names were mentioned, but have not officially been nominated. The nomination form can be found on the PLS website under announcements. Public Relations Committee - Beth reported the committee has been in contact with an author from Colorado. The author tour will be scheduled for Spring of 2011. Scholarship Committee - Glenda reported there have been no scholarship applications submitted.

Nebraska Library Commission: Rod Wagner asked Margie to give the NLC report in his absence. Margie presented and distributed a report to the board members that was provided by the NLC.

PLS Coordinator's Report: Margie gave an update on helping with the member survey, library visits, ongoing projects and adding books into Librarything. She also attended Legislation Day. A written report was included in the board packets.

Budget: Margie presented the PLS financial report. A copy of the report was included in the board packets.

Old Business:

Summer Reading Program: Margie gave an update that the PLS budget will have enough funds to cover both the 2010 Summer Reading Program and the next Author Tour planned for Spring 2011.

New Business:

Policy for Rotating DVD Collections: It was established that a policy be written up and put in place by fall for the DVD collections. Who can get the collections and how do we add to the collections were some of the issues discussed. Margie is going to collect and present several different options to be considered at the next board meeting.

PLS Member Survey: An e-mail reminder was sent to all member libraries to fill out and submit the survey by March 26, 2010. Results will be given at the next board meeting.

Upcoming Events /Announcements: Don't forget to RSVP for Job-a Likes and Librarians Meetings at the PLS office. A list of upcoming events was included in the board packets.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next PLS board meeting will be May 11, 2010 at the Bluffs Business Center, main floor conference room at 10:00am.

**USDA Funding Opportunities for Rural Libraries
with Populations of 20,000 and Under**

On February 3, 2010 Troy Gagner from the Lincoln office of the USDA made a presentation on low-cost loans and grants from the federal government through the USDA for public libraries in communities with populations of 20,000 and under. These monies are available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the stimulus funds). The funding is available to construct, enlarge or improve local public libraries. It can also be used to acquire land, pay professional fees, purchase equipment required for operating these renovated, new or current facilities (such as shelving, furniture, computers, distance learning equipment), and acquire book-mobiles. See the following link if you missed Troy's presentation or if you wish to hear it again: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=9405>.

According to Troy, we currently have applications/pre-applications from 10 libraries in Nebraska. Those projects will account for nearly \$4 million in USDA funding and leverage another \$1.28 million in funding from the applicants or from other sources. An additional three projects totaling nearly \$900,000 in USDA funding are in the works. Those three projects will leverage another \$1.28 million in funding by the applicants or from other sources. We hope to see even more public libraries take advantage of this federal money.

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack's wife Christy has put together a video message regarding USDA's Rural Library Initiative. You can watch her message at <mms://ocbmtcwmp.usda.gov/content/secy/cvilsack1CAP.wmv> or if you prefer, read the [text of the script](#).

For more information on these low-cost loans and grants, contact Troy Gagner, Community Programs Specialist Rural Development at : U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 152 Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln NE 68508. Phone: 402.437.5556. Fax: 402.437.5408. www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne

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PANHANDLE LIBRARY SYSTEM'S ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, July 23rd, 2010



Registration and Coffee: 9:00 to 9:30 A.M.

Annual Meeting: 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Lunch @ 12:30 P.M.

ALLIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1750 Sweetwater Avenue

Alliance, NE 69301

FEATURED SPEAKER

Isabel Hoy, Goshen County Library Director

DRAWINGS & SHARING

Registration Form

Cost: \$12.00 per person

(includes lunch & handouts)

CE Credits: 3 hours

Attending Names _____

Library / School _____



PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 16th, 2010

Mail to PLS Office, 1517 Broadway, Suite 128 Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Fax (308) 632-3978 or Phone (308) 632-1350

Feel the Theme

ANNUAL PLS/NEMA

WORKSHOP— 2010

Tech Extravaganza

Spend the day finding out about the latest technology trends in libraries, and learn how you can use this technology in your own school or library.

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Location:

**WNCC-Sidney
Campus
371 College Dr
Sidney, NE
69162**

Time:

**9:00 am—
Refreshments
and Networking**

Sessions:

9:30 am-3:30 pm

**Earn 5 CE /
Hours**

Sessions:

1. E-books, and Circulating E-readers in your Library

Presenter: Joyce Neujahr, Director of Patron Services, University of Nebraska, Omaha

2. Online Learning Options for Librarians

Presenters: Pat Gross, Media Specialist, Gering High School and Freshman Academy;
Marjorie Harrison, Coordinator, Panhandle Library System

3. Using Twitter to Connect Schools and Libraries

Presenter: Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

4. How to Use Creative Commons in Your School and Library

Presenter: Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

Register by July 27, 2010 with the PLS office. Toll free 888-879-5303

Phone: 308- 632-1350, Fax: 308-632-3978, Email jclapper@charterinternet.com or

Mail to: Panhandle Library System, 1517 Broadway, Suite 129, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Cost:-\$15.00 (includes lunch) - Pay in advance or at the door

Name(s): _____

School/Library: _____

Summer Contact Info:

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Meridian, Northeast, Panhandle and Republican Valley Library Systems Present:

Bridging the Gender Gap:

Enticing Boys to Books

Presenter: **Carole Fiore**

September 14th or 15th, 2010

9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



**September 14th
Aurora Public Library
1603 "L" Street
Aurora NE**

OR

**September 15th
Ole's Big Game Steakhouse &
Lounge
123 North Oak
Paxton NE**

**\$20 per person
(includes lunch)**

Carole D. Fiore holds a BS in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Temple University and an MS in Library Science from Drexel University. Carole was a public library consultant with the State Library and Archives of Florida where she directed the award winning Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP). She also served as the Library Services and Technology Act Grant Coordinator and liaison consultant to libraries and library systems in rural, suburban, and urban areas.

Carole will teach you how to:

- Increase your knowledge and skill level in connecting boys and books.
- How to evaluate and purchase materials attractive to boys.
- Types of activities that will attract boys to libraries and reading
- Understand boy's developmental progression.

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Bridging the Gender Gap: Enticing Boys to Books Registration

Circle one: **Aurora** or **Paxton**

Name: _____

Library: _____

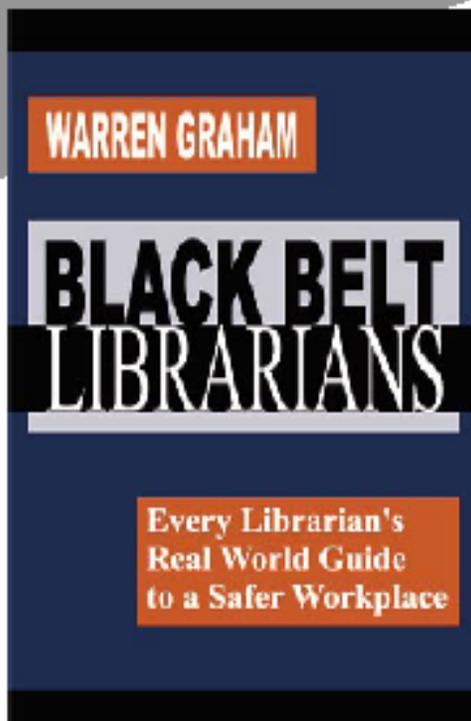
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Mail \$20.00 check and registration by **September 1, 2010** to:

Republican Valley Library System
2727 W. Second Street # 233
Hastings, NE 68901-4684
800-589-4961 or 402-462-1975
E-mail: rvtlsasst@inebraska.com



**NLA/NEMA Conference
Pre Conference Workshop**

October 13, 2010

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holiday Inn Midtown

2503 S. Locust Street

Grand Island, NE 68803

Cost is \$20 (includes lunch)

6 Continuing Education Credits

Warren Graham will discuss:

- Handling difficult customers for public service staff and managers
- Complete security staff training
- Analysis of existing procedures and recommendations for improvement
- Customized training for specific needs
- Self-defense tactics for front line staff



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Register at the NLA/NEMA Conference Website:

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2010>

Order Big Read Discussion Packets

Big Read book discussion packets are available to keep. You just need to complete the order form on the opposite side of this page, and we will deliver the packets to your library. Go to <http://www.neabigread.org/books/myantonia> to see what the packets offer. Please circle the titles that you would like, and tell us the number of reader guides, audio guides, and teacher guides that you want. Mail, fax, or email the form to the PLS office. PLS will deliver your guides to you at the Annual Meeting, Database Road Show, NEMA/PLS Workshop, or the WordPress training – whichever program you plan to attend in July and August. If you don't plan to attend one of these events, then we will get you your packets as soon as possible.

The deadline for submitting your order form is July 16, 2010.

TITLE	AUDIO	Number	READERS	Number	TEACHERS	Number
	GUIDES at NLC	Requested	GUIDES at NLC	Requested	GUIDES at NLC	Requested
Adventures of Tom Sawyer	50		500		150	
Age of Innocence, The	50		250		150	
Bless Me, Ultima	50		250		150	
Call Of The Wild, The	50		250		150	
Death of Ivan Ilych, The	50		250		200	
Fahrenheit 451	50		250		150	
Farewell To Arms, A	50		250		150	
Grapes of Wrath	50		250		150	
Great Gatsby, The	50		250		50	
Heart Is A Lonely Hunter, The	50		250		50	
Housekeeping	50				149	
Joy Luck Club, The	50		250		50	
Lesson Before Dying, A	50		250		150	
Maltese Falcon, The	50		250		150	
My Antonia	249		1,249		149	
Old School	50		500		150	
Shawl, The	50		250		150	
Sun, Stone and Shadows	50		250		150	
Their Eyes Were Watching God	50		250		150	
Thief And the Dogs	50		250		150	
To Kill A Mockingbird	50		750		150	
Washington Square	50		250		150	
Wizard of Earthsea, A	100		1,500		148	
	1,399		8,249		3,196	

Requested by:

Library Name _____

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1517 Broadway, Suite 129
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