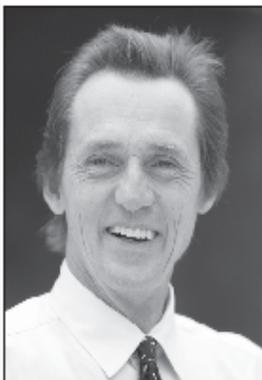


The Mari Sandoz Heritage Society presents
The Pilster Great Plains Lecture

with **Author Joe Starita**

*“Chief Standing Bear: The Enduring Legacy of a
Courageous Nebraskan’s Journey for Justice.”*

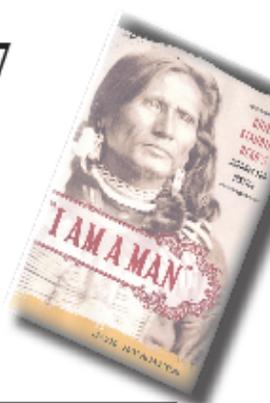


Thursday, Sept. 27

7 p.m.

Memorial Hall
Chadron State College

Free to the public



That hand is not the color of yours, but if I pierce it, I shall feel pain.

Starita's 2009 book, *I Am a Man—Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice*, highlighted the courageous court battle of the Ponca chief to gain equality for his people under the law.

The book, now in its third printing, is the focus of an upcoming PBS documentary, has been optioned to a Los Angeles production company as a potential feature length film and is being used as a teaching tool in classrooms from Florida to Tennessee to California, as well as in Nebraska high schools and colleges.

Starita often speaks throughout Nebraska and the nation on the topic of Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice – explaining how his 1879 landmark legal victory established for the first time in U.S. history that a Native American must be considered a “person” under the law and therefore entitled to many of the same rights and privileges as the white race.

I Am a Man is the 2012 One Book One Nebraska selection. Joe Starita was honored by the National Education Association (NEA) during its annual Human and Civil Rights Awards in Chicago in 2011.

For more information call 308-432-6401.

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Turning the Page 2.0 Library Advocacy Training Online - Fall Session

Turning the Page 2.0 (<http://www.ala.org/pla/education/turningthepage>) is a unique opportunity for free, in-depth, interactive, online education in public library advocacy and this is the last opportunity to sign up for the free PLA course. Register for this six week course and get one-on-one attention from professional facilitators as you build a customized Advocacy Work Plan for your library.

The online, six-week course is FREE, and is open to any public librarians, library staff, or supporter. Neither ALA nor PLA membership is required. All participants must register for the online portion of the course.

Register today for the Fall session, which runs from the week of September 24 - week of October 29, 2012: <http://www.ala.org/pla/education/turningthepage/register> Registration closes Sept. 12.

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Oshkosh Public Library recently purchased this new couch with a grant from Garden County Keno.

Pictured on the new couch is Nick Alworth.

Grants available for small-town public libraries Applications due October 1, 2012

Small-town public libraries may receive grants of up to \$20,000 from the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF). The fund accepts proposals for matching grants for public libraries in communities with populations of fewer than 3,000.

Grant are awarded in three areas: planning grants leading to library accreditation; enhancement grants to improve services and/or programs; and facilities grants for new facilities or the renovation, restoration or rehabilitation of current libraries.

Public libraries in Bridgeport, Morrill, Ponca and Tekamah received grants from the first round of funding earlier this year.

All grants require a certain level of matching funds and evidence that the project has broad community support. Approximately \$70,000 is available each year. Initial short-form applications are due October 1, 2012. Guidelines and application procedures are available at www.nebcommfound.org/fund/kreutzbennett.

For more information, contact Reggi Carlson, NCF Communications Director, (402) 323-7331 or rcarlson@nebcommfound.org.

**PLS Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2012
10:00 am**

I. President Floyd Smith III called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Board members present were Floyd Smith III, Beth Trupp, Terry Christensen, Roberta Boyd, Sara Brennemann, Kendra Caskey, Rick Caudillo and Merrilene Wood. Board members absent were Dixie Riley and Sue Shaver. Also present were Jeri Clapper and Debbie McCall.

PLS Coordinator was added to the agenda under New Business item C. The agenda was set.

II. Review and approve the minutes from March 13, 2012. Merrilene Wood said there was a correction to the minutes. Under VI Upcoming Events and Announcements, it should have read mentioned instead of motioned. Motion to approve the revised minutes from March 13, 2012, was made by Beth Trupp and second by Merrilene Wood. The motion carried.

III. Reports

a. District Reports: Public Library (Roberta Boyd):

Roberta Boyd reported on the Friends of the Gering Public Library book sale. They made \$1012.41 on the book sale selling items for .25 cents and .50 cents. There were books not sold. The Friends Group also raffled the book Chicks in the Sticks and made \$122.00. Roberta said the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library is in the process of setting up Voter Voices 2012 in conjunction with NET and NPR. You can go on YouTube and ask a question of both United States Senate candidates. Roberta said the library will be putting together a documentary and will be editing it. Voter Voices will be open to the public. The patron will have two minutes to ask a question. The Lied Scottsbluff Public Library will edit the question. They will have instructions on how to use Voter Voices. Roberta also said the library received BTOP computers. Roberta asked if anyone had policies on scanners. Roberta said Abbigail Yellman is the new Lied Scottsbluff Public Library Director and will begin around June 1, 2012.

Public library (Kendra Caskey):

Kendra said Ogallala is in need of a new library. A committee has been formed. There have been talks with city and county groups. A school bond will be on the ballot in September. Kendra said the library will get a school building for free if the bond passes. They will go forward with a new library on one of the sites.

b. Committee reports

i. Annual Meeting (TC & Roberta)

An Annual Meeting Committee was held on April 11, 2012, with Roberta Boyd, Floyd Smith III, and Nancy Escamilla. The annual meeting lunch will be fried chicken. Terry said he has been in touch with Sarah Polak.

PLS will purchase a box of 100 pre-packaged towelettes for the Annual Meeting lunch. Terry will check out the gift shop for prizes. Roberta said there will be specialty breads in the morning. Water will be available. Roberta said PLS will need to place an estimated food order by July 6th and the final food count by July 16th. Floyd said the theme is Mari Sandoz. The Annual Meeting will be in the atrium. The PLS Board Meeting in the afternoon will be downstairs. Roberta said annual meetings need to be rotated and members from that area could serve on the Annual Meeting Committee. Roberta said CSC also waived the \$75.00 fee and were very accommodating.

September/October, 2012

Terry said the Reta E. King library at CSC has gone through a year of remodeling and we may be able to take a tour. Floyd said he held a meeting at Prairie Wind Community Center in Bridgeport and they really catered to us. It's a very nice place. Merrillene said WNCC has room for an annual meeting. Floyd and other board members agreed on rotating the Annual Meeting. Roberta and Floyd thought it would be a good idea to divide the Panhandle into four areas and have the Annual Meeting in one of those different areas each year .

II. Nominating (Dixie & Sue)

Debbie mailed approximately 120 ballots and 26 were returned. Board members elected for first or second terms are Rick Caudillo (S), Sue Shaver (Dist. A) and Roberta Boyd (PL). PLS officers will be elected at the September 11, 2012, PLS Board Meeting. The new PLS Board Members term starts July 1, 2012.

III. Public Relations: (Beth & Rick)

Idle until next year.

IV. Scholarship: (Merrillene & Kendra)

Merrillene has not had time to develop a policy for PLS members retiring. Merrillene has not received any scholarship applications or award applications. Debbie will email the scholarship and awards information and any members retiring on the PLS list serve. The scholarship and awards applications will be due June 30, 2012.

V. Technology: (Sara & Floyd)

Sara sent the PLS Tech Plan changes to the PLS Tech Committee. The PLS Tech Plan needs to be sent to the Nebraska Library Commission before June 30, 2012. Sara emailed the Freegal company to get quotes and pricing. Sara is still trying to find an alternative to Overdrive but hasn't had any luck. Floyd doesn't understand the licensing of the electronic book. Floyd has to do more research.

Floyd said if you visit OPAC, he got a royalty free book and that works perfectly. Floyd said that's the alternative to Overdrive. Sara will look for more information.

Sara found Quick Books Pro for \$130/\$140 through Amazon. Terry said the Denver news said that Denver Public Library and Boulder Public Library use Freegal.

c. Shared Automation Project Report: (Floyd Smith III)

Floyd said there are 20,706 patrons who have access to 161,507 titles and 205,047 copies of those titles. There are currently four libraries in our consortium that are able to print receipts. They are Sidney, Grant County, WNFRHC and Paxton library. The printers cost \$80.00. Grant County Public Library's printer lasted only 6 months. Floyd held a consortium meeting at Prairie Winds Community Center in Bridgeport. The consortium's name is Panhandle Library Consortium. The new Panhandle Library Consortium library cards will have the same design on the front. The back will have each library's information. Floyd is soliciting bids for the consortium cards. Merrillene asked how the libraries are liking the PLS consortium? Floyd said some library patrons are very resistant to change. Beth Trupp said they are having problems with Alexandria but they need more computer RAM and memory. Sara said Grant County is getting along fine with Alexandria and it is on hold until after summer reading. Floyd stated if we hired Alexandria to come out and help with reports, they charge \$5200. Floyd said they elected not to hire Alexandria. The new consortium cards cost .19 cents per card. Kendra said they pay .52 cents a card. Floyd said deciding which reports you want is a bit tricky. Floyd sent a suggestion to Alexandria and he was surprised to receive an email from the president of Alexandria.

d. PLS Coordinator Report: (Debbie & Jeri)

Jeri said Debbie and her have been sorting through material from the move last summer. Jeri has worked on the files and boxed up old files. Debbie has weeded the collection and removed the old College of DuPage VHS tapes, DVD's and old reference books. Debbie said she went to the PLTS meeting and said they talked about Eastern Nebraska's Pioneer Consortium. PLS didn't have a chance to talk about PLS Consortium. The PLS lease is due June 1, 2012. Debbie said she heard they are going to raise the PLS office rent.

e. Nebraska Library Commission Report: Rod Wagner: The Nebraska Library Commission report was read at the board meeting.

IV. Old business

Budget: PLS has 65% of its budget left over. Floyd said any money we get from the State of Nebraska we're supposed to spend. Board travel is more this year than last. Debbie will print a more detailed report for the next meeting.

Merrillene asked if the board packets could be emailed instead of mailed. Floyd said if we get to the point that we're short on money we could email the packets. Debbie will email some packets to board members.

b. Policies and Procedures Update:

Floyd said we should look at the Plan of Service and the Bylaws. Kendra said we should look at this to protect the board. Merrillene said we should put on these reports that this covers fiscal years 2012 – 2013. Kendra said as a board we need to know what is going on and get on task. Floyd said maybe we need to have a couple of ad-hoc committees to check on these things. Floyd said 3 people need to be on the ad-hoc committee, Terry, Rick and Kendra. PLS will need to do an annual evaluation on-line before March. PLS will have a special board meeting on July 2, 2012

V. New business

a. Plan of Service:

b. Tech report: Floyd said we'll talk about this in July and approve it in July.

c. PLS Coordinator: Floyd said we had six people apply. Floyd and Kendra held four telephone interviews. Kris Klute will be here for an interview on May 23. The candidate will interview with the interviewing committee. She will go to lunch with others and reconvene with the board at 2 pm. The interview committee is Kendra, Floyd, Terry and Beth. Debbie will sit in on the interview. Jeri, Roberta, Rick and Diane Downer will take Kris to lunch and come back to the interview committee and tell them how Kris presented herself. Floyd said he will talk to the chamber to see if they can take Kris on a tour of the area in the morning.

VI. Upcoming Events / Announcements: Were announced at the meeting.

A special PLS Board meeting will be held Monday, July 2, 2012, at 11:00 am at Railway Plaza, 115 Railway Street, Scottsbluff.

VII. Adjourned at 12:00 pm.

The next PLS Board meeting is July 20, 2012, after the PLS Annual Meeting at 1:30 pm at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College.

Secretary,

Terry Christensen

Upcoming Events

September 11, 2012 PLS Board Meeting, Railway Plaza, 115 Railway Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361. 10:00am

September 11 and 12, 2012 Technology planning Summer Camp: Don't just Survive, Thrive!

Two day Workshop. No Charge. Funding for this event is being provided by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in conjunction with the BTOP grant. Location: Quality Inn, 201 Chuckwagon Road, Ogallala, NE 9.5 CE hours. Register at NLC Training & Events Calendar: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar>

September 27, 2012 The Pilster High Plains Lecture with Author Joe Starita, Location: Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, CSC, 1000 Main Street, Chadron Time: 7pm for more information, email: www.marisandoz.org

October 17-19, 2012 MPLA/NLA/NEMA Tri Conference

Location: LaVista Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway
<http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012>

Basic Skills Classes through December, 2012.

New PLS Book Kit "Red Cell", by John Kalkowski. 15 Books. Contact the System office.

PLS Website: libraries.ne.gov/pls

NLC Training and Events Calendar: nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar

PLS Mailing List: PLS-L@nlc.state.ne.us

Mark your Calendars!



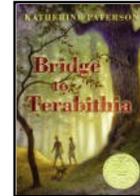
New Book Club Kits available from the Nebraska Library Commission

We've added the following new titles to our book club kit collection. Many have enjoyed popularity with book groups or are titles that we have interlibrary loaned for libraries in Nebraska.

[Bridge to Terabithia](#) by [Katherine Paterson](#)
10 copies

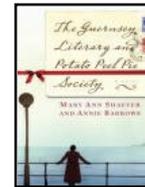
[Discussion Questions](#)
[Interview with Katherine Paterson](#)

Reading Level: Ages 9-up



[The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society](#)
by [Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows](#)
10 copies

Questions and Topics for Discussions in the back of each book



[Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet](#)
by [Jamie Ford](#)
10 copies

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Panhandle Library System Scholarship Application

The Panhandle Library System has established a scholarship fund to facilitate the professional development of librarians within the system. Librarians, Media Specialists, and those connected with member agencies within the System may use these monies for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops, or other beneficial academic activities.

Provisions of the Scholarship include:

1. Each applicant must submit an application letter and form any time prior or two weeks after the event for which the scholarship is intended.
2. The Scholarship Committee will review each application and recommendations will be given to the Panhandle Library System Board for approval or denial.
3. Requests for scholarship can be for any amount but will not exceed \$300.00.
4. The Scholarship Committee has the right to adjust the amount requested depending on the budget and number of applications during the fiscal year.
5. Scholarships will be evaluated on a first come first serve basis.
6. Priority will be given to those events within the state.
7. Individual applicants will be limited to requesting scholarships once in a three-year period.
8. Budget, event, amount requested, and the number of applicants will dictate approval or denial of the scholarship requests. More than one scholarship requests from the same library agency during a two-year period will need to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
9. Scholarship recipients are requested to provide a brief article in the System Newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. Article is submitted to the Coordinator.

Scholarship Committee
Panhandle Library System
115 Railway Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

***Panhandle Library System
Scholarship Application***

Name: _____

Library/School/Agency: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone: _____

Scholarship Activity: _____

Requested Amount \$ _____

Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the activity.

TECHNOLOGY PLANNING SUMMER CAMP



**The Nebraska Library Commission is pleased to announce
Technology Planning Summer Camp 2: Don't Just Survive, Thrive!**

This 2-day workshop will be held three times across the state:

- **August 21-22** – Grand Island, Midtown Holiday Inn
- **September 5-6** – Norfolk, Divots Conference Center
- **September 11-12** – Ogallala, Quality Inn and Conference Center

This event will focus on the use of your library's technology and how to prepare a technology plan for your library that will serve your future needs. You'll find answers to the following important questions: How will you sustain and maintain the equipment you received after the BTOP grant, [Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities](#) (LBBNC) ends? What sorts of training should be planned for both your patrons and your staff? How can you network with other libraries to share knowledge?

The format of the event will be a combination of presentations and group conversations. The main purpose is for you to share with your colleagues what you have been doing during the grant and how you will continue in the future using the equipment and resources you have received.

Attendees should come prepared with tips, tricks, techniques, ideas, suggestions, questions, problems... anything you might like to talk to other librarians about. Although there will be some traditional presentations, this will not be a parade of talking heads. Your active participation is essential to the success of this event. Your goal is to listen to others, share your experiences, and come up with creative new solutions! Use this opportunity to learn together how your library can plan to Thrive, not just Survive!

Grant project [partners](#) will also be in attendance, sharing how they are working with the grant to provide specialized training programs.

See the [Agenda](#) for full details about all the sessions. Technology Planning Summer Camp 2 is open to all public libraries in Nebraska. Up to 3 people from each library can attend – library administration, staff, IT support, and board members are invited. Dress is casual. Sessions may be recorded. Participants who attend all sessions will receive 9.5 CE Credits.

Funding for this event is being provided by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in conjunction with the BTOP grant, [Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities](#).

Technology Planning Summer Camp 2: Don't Just Survive, Thrive!

Day 1

Registration – Continental Breakfast	10:00 - 10:30 am
Welcome to Summer Camp 2!	10:30 - 10:35 am
LBBNC Progress Report – JoAnn McManus	10:35 - 11:00 am
Be Prepared: Sustaining Your Library – Richard Miller	11:00 am - 12:00
Lunch	12:00 - 1:30
Training in Your Library – Mary Jo Ryan	1:30 - 3:00 pm
Break	3:00 - 3:15 pm
Edge Benchmarks – Christa Burns & Richard Miller	3:15 - 3:45 pm
Your Blue Binder and Beyond – Angela Gunther Gonzalez & Holly Woldt	3:45 - 4:45 pm
Dinner	5:15 pm - ?

Day 2

Continental Breakfast	8:00 - 9:00 am
Welcome to Day 2	9:00 - 9:05 am
LBBNC Blog How-to – Michael Sauers/Christa Burns & Mary Jo Ryan	9:05 - 9:30 am
TechAtlas Training – Christa Burns	9:30 - 10:30 am
Break	10:30 - 10:45 am
Draft a Mock Technology Plan – Christa Burns & John Felton	10:45 am - 12:00
Lunch	12:00 - 1:30 pm
Mock Technology Plan Summary and Wrap-up of TPSC 2	1:30 - 2:00 pm
Call of the Wild: Taming Your ADA Workstation	2:00 - 3:30 pm

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