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Featured Librarian:

Dee Yost, Hastings College Perkins Library

At the start of a new year, one becomes reflective about jobs, careers, and life in general, and I was thinking about jobs in my life and those who have influenced me, and I immediately thought about Dee Yost. Dee was the RVLS System Administrator for 11 years and shaped the administrator job into the one it is today. One of my first recollections of working with Dee was when I asked her for advice. When the Nebraska Library Commission was first offering small libraries a chance to put their collections in OCLC, I remember calling Dee and asking her if she thought I should participate. The library was catalogued in the old Molli system, but as a school library media person, I used what I like to refer to as some "creative" cataloging techniques. I remember the easy manner Dee used to assuage my fears and said, "I

really think you should do it". And of course, she was right and her advice made a world of difference in my approach to my job and the library world. Just a really simple conversation about a subject that most of us worry about....what if the world sees that we don't always do things the way they should be done!

Dee left RVLS for Perkins Library at Hastings College in June 2000 to

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Concealed Weapons Poster Inside

Inside, you'll find a ready-to-hang notice prohibiting concealed weapons in your library. Feel free to duplicate as needed, however, if concealed weapons are prohibited in your library, your library's Policy must reflect accordingly.

2006-2007 RVLS Board Meetings

March 2, 2007:
Hastings College
Perkins Library

June 1, 2007:
*RVLS Board and
Annual Meetings*
*Location to be
announced

We encourage
attendance! All board
meetings begin at
10 a.m.



The coffee area is so comfortable that it is not unusual for students to nap on the couches! If you look closely, you'll see that there's a student under the blanket on the mid-left couch.

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Featured Librarian: Dee Yost

become the Public Service Librarian. Dee gives meaning to the word Public Service. In one of her RVLS newsletters, she sent an insert that said "Man without smiling face should not open shop". As the Public Service Librarian, Dee always has subscribed to a philosophy where the customers are greeted with a smile. As the Public Service Librarian at Hastings College, Dee works with any activities that involve library users. Primarily, Dee works with college students and professors. Dee selects books and serves as a reference advisor for students. Her goal is to make the library a welcoming place, one which is warm and non-threatening. It is a place to be with friends and a place which is comfortable and inviting. Dee's library is a gathering place, a place with comfy chairs, hot chocolate, coffee and even a big screen TV which is always tuned to CNN!

Dee is from Geneva, Nebraska and graduated from Hastings College. She immediately went to Denver after graduation to attend the University of Denver for Library School. Dee was a School Media Specialist at the Junior High in Norfolk for 3½ years. She moved back to Hastings and was a part time Music Librarian for Hastings College. Next, Dee was the Assistant Director at Hastings Public Library for 10 years. She was the System Administrator for Republican Valley Library System before becoming the Public Service Librarian at Hastings College. Dee's first real library job was working for the Public Librarian at Geneva Public Library when she was in second grade. The Library Director, Thelma Hamilton, let second-grader, Dee put away easy books and write cards for library books. What a great apprenticeship!

Another part of Dee's job at Hastings College is to be the AV-director and work with the faculty to set up equipment for their classes and workshops. Several of the classrooms have become smart rooms with video projectors and smart boards utilizing all the new technologies. It is a challenge to keep up with the technologies that students are using so the library can reflect those technologies and remain a part of the student's lives. Dee also supervises about 15 student assistants who provide the library with a valuable service.

At home, Dee collects *Peter Rabbit* everything. One whole room is filled with *Peter Rabbit* memorabilia. Dee and her husband Dan have a bird who squawks and two wonderful grandsons. Dee says today's academic libraries need to adapt to the new type of student who are in the college of today. These students, the millennial generation, are the new "doers" who have grown up with technology and who are assertive and "want things now". Academic libraries have to create an atmosphere where they can provide what these new students want and need. Dee does that at Perkins Library. She provides service, atmosphere and a place where someone knows your name.



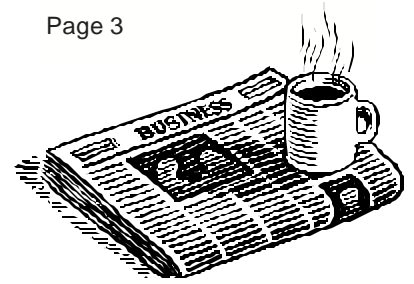
RVLS NEWS

Debbie Andrews is the new Director at **Faith Memorial Library** (Wallace). Debbie may be emailed at <chefdeba@aol.com>. Welcome to RVLS, Debbie!

Medal Winning Books

Caldecott Medal Winner:
Flotsam by David Wiesner

Newbery Medal Winner:
The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron



Send us news of your latest programs, projects, and accomplishments at rvlsasst@tcgcs.com or call 800-569-4961.



Lessons Learned from Mother Nature

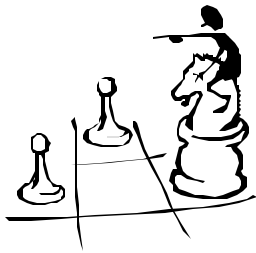
By Pamela Soreide, Director, Holdrege Area Public Library

As everyone knows by now, South Central Nebraska was hard hit by the ice storm over the New Year's weekend. Being a native Southern Californian, I was stunned by the extended loss of electrical power, the devastation of the lovely old trees in Holdrege, and the treacherous driving conditions when we did venture out. My family lives in town, and so we got off relatively lightly...we had hot water for showers and a gas cooktop for meal preparation. I did figure out why our grandmothers and great-grandmothers had the main meal at noon...you really cannot see to cook by a kerosene lamp or candles! We also have a gas log in one of the small rooms in our basement so we had one place we could go to warm up, and plenty of ski clothes!

After the initial shock wore off, I realized the inadequacy of the library's Policy on Emergency Procedures. In the spirit of sharing our "lessons learned" so that others can take advantage of our experience, here are some of the bullet points I have included in a new section of that policy called Prolonged Electrical Outage.

- Many people left town to stay with friends or family. The ones who stayed did not have working answering machines. Putting together an emergency Board meeting was a challenge. I now have cell phone numbers for all Board members and library staff.
- Print out your entire Contacts list (if you use Outlook as I do) and keep it at home along with a list of Board member contacts and staff contacts.
- Because of our status as an Intralocal Agency, not directly supported by either the City or the County, we were on our own to locate and install emergency generator power.
- Research around the area for sources of available generators yielded a huge range of costs (from almost \$2000 per week down to \$950 per week). You may wish to do some of this research in advance to add to your policy.
- Make sure you have a relationship with local electrician that is well thought of, and find out what the capacity of your facility is. Ours was 75 kw, but the only available generator at reasonable cost was 100 kw. It is much better to get more capacity than needed rather than less, and after a certain point, the cost is not that much different.
- If you need to make the arrangements for the rental of the generator personally, you

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NLA Legislative Day February 14, 2007

Make plans for the next NLA Legislative Day on Wednesday, February 14, 2007.

Coffee, doughnuts and informal meetings with our Senators begin at 8:30am. A briefing of legislative issues affecting Nebraska libraries follows at 9:30am.

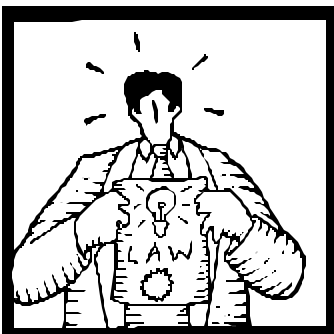
Lunch will be at the Cornhusker Hotel at noon.

Don't wait to ask your Senator and members of your respective governing bodies to attend this event! Meet with your Senators; it's FUN!

Future Legislative Day
Dates:

February 13, 2008

February 11, 2009



It's Your Move

Put your finger on the pulse of children's books, music and activity ideas by subscribing to **Kent (MI) District Library's KDL Youth Newsletter**. To subscribe, go to www.booksite.com/texis/scripts/bookletter/showlist.html?sid=5027&list=CNL10.

Do you read a list of "bests" and then a few weeks later, think where did I see that? Microsoft's Rex Sorgatz has compiled **all the 2006 lists** at his Fimoculous site, helpfully arranged by category (including a large section on books and music). He has lists for

previous years as well. Fun to check out...both my car and the RVLS car made the "Greenest vehicle list".
<<http://www.fimoculous.com/year-review-2006.cfm>>.

If you would like a **DVD about going to the doctor** for your library, *Following the Clues: A Visit to the Doctor and the Library* is intended for early- to mid-elementary-school students. The film content is appropriate for unsupervised viewing by children. It is available in English, Spanish and Sudanese. <http://www.unmc.edu/library/clues/> Free (while supplies last) from McGoogan of Medicine.



Commissioners Approve Incentive Payment

At their January 12 meeting, the Library Commissioners approved an incentive payment to acknowledge the achievement of enhanced and excellent accreditation status by some of Nebraska's public libraries.

In 2004 the Public Library Accreditation Guidelines were revised, based on input from library personnel statewide. These revised guidelines allow for libraries to be accredited at one of three levels of achievement: essential, enhanced, or excellent. Each level has increased expectations of local libraries in terms of funding, hours open, and programs and services offered.

In 2006 the revised guidelines were fully implemented, with all eligible libraries accredited at one of these three tiers. The Commissioners have approved incentive State Aid payments for Enhanced and Excellent accredited libraries as follows:

Libraries with Excellent Accreditation status will receive an additional direct state aid payment of \$800.00.

Libraries with Enhanced Accreditation status will receive an additional direct state aid payment of \$300.00.



On the Bookshelf



The following items have been recently added to the RVLS Professional Collection:

Books on CD

- ◆ *After This* by Alice McDermott
- ◆ *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak
- ◆ *Brother Odd* by Dean Koontz
- ◆ *Cross* by James Patterson
- ◆ *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom
- ◆ *I Feel Bad About My Neck and Other Thoughts on Being a Woman* by Nora Ephron
- ◆ *I'm Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers* by Tim Madigan
- ◆ *The Interpretation of Murder* by Jed Rubenfeld
- ◆ *The Mission Song* by John Le Carre
- ◆ *The Shape Shifter* by Tony Hillerman
- ◆ *Social Intelligence: The New Science of Human Relationships* by Daniel Goleman
- ◆ *Treasure of Khan, A Dirk Pitt Novel*, by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler
- ◆ *Wild Fire* by Nelson DeMille

Playaway Books

- ◆ *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* by David Sedaris
- ◆ *Eldest* by Christopher Paolini
- ◆ *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
- ◆ *The 5th Horseman* by James Patterson
- ◆ *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- ◆ *Killing Rain* by Barry Eisler
- ◆ *Learn Anywhere! Spanish: The Complete Language Course* by Henry N. Raymond

>>>> Additionally, the System owns **ten pairs of ear buds** and **two FM Transmitters**, which will allow Playaway books to be used in cars.

Newly Refurbished Storykits

- ◆ Blast Off
- ◆ Rub a Dub Dub

If you would like to borrow these items or be placed on the bookmarks magazine's routing list, please contact the System office at 800-569-4961 or <rvlsasst@tcgcs.com>. If you would like to see list of all available items (including magazines routed), go to <www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican/professional.html>.





Basic Skills Class: Public Service

North Platte Community
College, North Platte, NE

April 3 (with Karen
Hyman), 10, & 17.

Times are 10:00-3:00

Instructor: Sherry Houston

MPLA Road Trip 2007

Don't miss the third Regional
Library Systems'-sponsored Bus
Trip to MPLA in Albuquerque!

The bus will begin in Omaha
and pick riders up along I-80.

Thanks to a grant from Ne-
braska Library Commission, the
trip is free or nearly free (flyer
with complete details appeared
in the December 2006 *VALLEY-
TALK*). The sign up deadline is
February 23, 2007. To register,
contact Jenni Puchalla,
jennip@alltel.net,
800-288-6063/402-467-6188.
For a flyer, go to <[http://
www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/
eastern/MPLA.pdf](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/eastern/MPLA.pdf)>.

Don't miss the bus!

RVLS Calendar

February 2007

- 9—"Next Gen Librarianship: Where Do We Go from Here?" College of DuPage Teleconference, 11-12:30, Central Community College-Hastings & McKinley Education Center-North Platte. RSVP to rvlsasst@tcgcs.com by 2/7—delivery is dependent on attendees!
- 14—NLA Legislative Day, Lincoln, NE. See page 4 for more details.
- 23—The Reading Workshop: Creating a Space for Adolescent Readers, 9:30-3:00, Omaha, <http://www.readaloudnebraska.org>

March 2007

- 2—RVLS Board Meeting, 10am, Hastings College Perkins Library.
- 2—NEA's Read Across America Day, nationwide Read-Aloud of *The Cat in the Hat* in honor of its 50th birthday, www.catinthehat.com
- 4-10—YALSA's Teen Tech Week, <http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw.htm>
- 8—RVLS Make & Take Summer Reading Program Workshop, Lied Imperial Public Library (see inserted flyer).
- 14-16—Mountain Plains Library Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM, www.mpla.us. (Regional Library Systems' Bus Trip, 13-17)
- 16—"Getting Started with Flickr: A Library 2.0 Training Session," 9:30-11:30am, Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln.
- 21—"Getting Started with Flickr: A Library 2.0 Training Session," 9:30-11:30am, Omaha Public Library.
- 23—"Library Transformation: Making It Happen" College of DuPage Teleconference, 11-12:30, Central Community College-Hastings & McKinley Education Center-North Platte. RSVP to rvlsasst@tcgcs.com by 3/21—delivery is dependent on attendees!
- 27—"Maximizing the Value of Friends" with Sally Reed, FOLUSA Workshop, 1-3:30, Holiday Inn Express, North Platte (see inserted flyer).
- 29—RVLS Make & Take Summer Reading Program Workshop, Blue Hill Public Library (see inserted flyer).

April 2007

- 3—"The Customer-Centered Library" with Karen Hyman, 10-3, North Platte Community College North Campus (see inserted flyer).
- 3—Basic Skills: Public Services with Karen Hyman; 10am-3pm; North Platte Community College, North Platte, NE.
- 10—Basic Skills: Public Services; 10am-3pm; North Platte Community College, North Platte, NE.
- 17—Basic Skills: Public Services; 10am-3pm; North Platte Community College, North Platte, NE.
- 13—"The Best from the Web" College of DuPage Teleconference, 11-12:30, Central Community College-Hastings & McKinley Education Center-North Platte. RSVP to rvlsasst@tcgcs.com by 4/11—delivery is dependent on attendees!
- 15-21—National Library Week, "Come Together @ your library"
- 21—Spring Colloquium, Cornhusker Marriott Hotel

May 2007

- 11—"The Relevance of Libraries in a Digital Age" College of DuPage Teleconference, 11-12:30, Central Community College-Hastings & McKinley Education Center-North Platte. RSVP to rvlsasst@tcgcs.com by 5/9—delivery is dependent on attendees!



Youth Grants for Excellence

Republican Valley Library System is delighted to have three member libraries receive Youth Grants for Excellence. They are:

Axtell Public Library - \$1,000

Book Bash Bonanza: The library plans to begin holding preschool story times for local parents and children. New, quality books by notable authors and illustrators will be added to the sparse collection. Applicant: Vicki Casper

Clay Center Public Library - \$1,000

Boys, Mystery, and Mayhem: To create a place for junior high boys and girls to do homework, read, listen to music, and play games geared to their interests and abilities. Applicant: Laura Cundiff

Hastings Public Library - \$1,000

Summer Reading Book Clubs: To involve boys grades 5 through 12 in discussion groups to encourage them to read and participate in the Golden Sower list. Applicants: Kathy Schultz and Pam Bohmfalk

We hope other accredited RVLS Libraries will participate in the Nebraska Library Commission grant opportunities. See this website for grant opportunities for your library: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/grant.html>

Congratulations to all!!



Stephen Abram Conference Slides

Hello, everyone:

I know that many of you were able to attend the keynote address and breakout session by Stephen Abram at the October NLA/NEMA conference, and asked about the availability of the slides from his presentations. Others who were not able to attend may find them interesting too. The links below are to his presentations.

http://www.sirsidynix.com/Resources/Pdfs/Company/Abram/nebraska-web_2.0-real.pdf keynote

<http://www.sirsidynix.com/Resources/Pdfs/Company/Abram/nebraska-personas.pdf> breakout

Stephen has all his presentations archived by month posted, on his web site here <http://stephenslighthouse.sirsidynix.com/> The Nebraska ones are archived under December. This is one busy guy!

Best regards:

Beth Goble, Nebraska Library Association President, bgoble@nlc.state.ne.us, 402-471-4017



Feature on Nebraska Book Club Kits Titles

Lisa Kelly – Nebraska Library Commission

Peace Like a River by Leif Enger c2001 was the 2004 One Book/One Lincoln Selection <http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/info/obol/obol2004/front.htm> and was also a selection in my own book group. I recently spoke to someone who was on the selection committee for this book and she shared her struggle in selecting this title. I was honored to help choose the 2005 and 2006 One Book/One Lincoln selections and can fully appreciate this difficulty first hand. Selecting a title that will be read by young and old, men and women is no small feat and personal passion always figures into the process. In the end, I thought this was a successful selection although there is always disagreement amongst readers. This is the joy of a book discussion. Book discussions help us learn to talk about what we like and dislike without anything getting in the way. Politics, religion, and even sports are topics where neutrality is not always easy, but disagreeing over a book is a great place to begin getting to know someone. There are few books that I put into a category labeled beloved but this is one of those titles. There are elements of mystery and the miraculous throughout the entire book. It felt like a classic, old and well-worn tale. *Peace* has sometimes been compared to *To Kill a Mockingbird* and I would agree given the close relationships between father and children. You may find yourself casting the book into a movie while reading or remembering Atticus Finch, Scout, and Jem. Should you decide to select this title for your book group, there are many peripheral things you can do to liven the discussion. You can read excerpts of cowboy poetry and rustle up some cowboy music. Camping food complete with smores for the finale would be perfect for the meal. One way I gauge the success of a title are the collective opinions of readers I know to have different tastes than mine. With this title, my mom, my sister, and my book group all had generous things to say about Enger's writing. Here's a recipe to entice you towards selecting this title for your next book group:

ROCKY ROAD SMORES BARS

1/2 c. butter or margarine

1/2 c. packed brown sugar

1 c. flour

1/2 c. graham cracker crumbs

2 c. miniature marshmallows

16 oz. chocolate chips

1/2 c. chopped walnuts

Beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add combined flour and crumbs; mix well. Press onto bottom of greased 9 inch square pan. Sprinkle with remaining ingredients. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown.





Happiness Is...

By Cathy A. Leininger Mohnike, Title I Reading Teacher,
Sutton Public Schools

It was a true case of life imitating art. I was all set to share with you a non-fiction work by Daniel Gilbert titled, "Stumbling On Happiness". Happiness, especially our future happiness, is a topic we're all interested in so I've had it on my nightstand "to read" pile for months. The topic is well presented by Gilbert who is a researcher with a sense of humor. I got some actual laughs while reading. I was well into the book when the lights went out. Yes, you know the event I'm referring to – the ice – the wind – the downed powerlines. Fortunately; I am prepared for such emergencies and had my LED book light close at hand so no reading time was lost. I should have been a Boy Scout – except for that whole camping thing – ick!

I could have saved him a lot of time and effort if he would have just asked me or anyone for that matter about some of his findings. For instance; he found that we are notoriously awful at predicting what will bring us future happiness. Well, duh! I could have told him that. Just as soon as I buy the new piece of jewelry that I know will bring me ultimate happiness, I walk down the street to the next store and find the piece that actually was the one that would fulfill my jewelry fantasies. That's why my bedroom is full of that "perfect" piece of jewelry. Actually, to my husband's chagrin, many pieces of perfect jewelry. So our future happiness is affected by all of our past experiences which change us so we end up wanting something else.

My original plan was to connect that to our New Year's Eve without power. It seemed like it would be the dullest ever; but it turned out to be one of the best ever. My husband brought in wood and built a roaring fire to take the chill off my reading room. He cooked a New Year's feast of filets and sweet potato slices. We scooted our overstuffed chairs up to the fireplace and toasted our toes while dining and "wine-ing". Not whining! In the complete darkness and quiet we had the most romantic New Year's Eve ever. Don't worry. There will be no further details provided. This isn't that kind of column! So what I had experienced in the past as a great New Year's was not a great predictor for this New Year's happiness. Yes, I was going to write about all that when Eureka! I stumbled on happiness...euphoria...pure bliss... and I had to change my column.

Perusing the shelves of new fiction at the Hastings Public Library I came upon a book I had seen in the book club's monthly catalog that sounded intriguing. The book was entitled, "Special Topics In Calamity", by Marisha Pessl. I gave the book flap a look – hmm – more intrigue. Instead of a book summary there was a glossary of terms.

"Bleu van Meer: a brainy, deadpan, and preternaturally erudite girl who, after traveling from one remote academic outpost to another with her professor father (see "Gareth van Meer"), has a head crammed full of literary, philosophical, and scientific knowledge. (She is also a film buff and can recite pi out to sixty-five decimal places.) When she is sixteen, due to certain nuclear events, her previously dull life is forever transformed."

The flying Demoiselle: an archaic means of hanging someone, popular in the American South between 1829-1869. It is also, in all likelihood, how Hannah Schneider died.

I continued on to the Table of Contents which is called *Core Curriculum – Required Reading*. Each of the 36 chapters was a famous book title.

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The 12+ Days of the Ice Storm

By Vicki Casper, Axtell/Hildreth Public Library Director, &
Shelli Halsted, Hildreth Public Library Board Member

On the ___ day of the ice storm, Mother Nature gave to us....

1st Day: Tree limbs and power poles detaching, splintering and disassembling.

2nd Day: Rollerskating on ice marbles.

3rd Day: No electricity, No water, No Internet, Landline or Cell Phone Service, No Bowl Games.

4th Day: Firefighters with chainsaws. (scarrry)

5th Day: Rancid meat and bodies.

6th Day: Hum of generators in the air.

7th Day: Laundry hung with care over every ceiling fan and chair.

8th-11th Days: More generator sales.

12th Day: Power crews gallop into town in their shiny white trucks to save the damsels in distress.

13th Day: Fear of an approaching cold front.

14th Day: Insurance agents flooded with calls.

15th-16th Days: Losing track of days as Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri steal central Nebraska's thunder with their own ice storms.

17th Day: What's watt? (wattage-coffee maker is 1000 watts)

18th Day: Ditto.

19th Day: Ditto, ditto.

20th Day and counting - soon we'll have electricity.



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Happiness Is...

Chapter 1: OTHELLO, William Shakespeare

Chapter 10: THE MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT STYLES, Agatha Christie

Chapter 35: THE SECRET GARDEN, Frances Hodgson Burnett

Of course I checked it out.

Now would be the time where I usually tell you a little about the book. Well, too bad! I can't. I haven't read the book yet. In fact, I've only read the introduction. But I've read it three times. I'm totally captivated by the introduction. I'm almost afraid to read the book. What if it's a terrible disappointment?! Being such a fearless one, I do plan on taking that chance and reading the text – after I read the introduction once more. I don't even want to write parts of the introduction here and ruin it for you. So, Librarians, I am imploring you to help the masses stumble into book happiness by adding this book to your library's collection. But don't try to check it out of the Hastings Library too soon. Remember I'm still on the intro.



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Lessons Learned from Mother Nature

will also need to contact the City to get a certificate of insurance showing that the rental company has been named as a loss payee for the Equipment Floater Insurance. If you don't, the rental company will charge you about 14% of the total rental cost for insurance. You will need to get the value of the generator and the serial number for the insurance company.

- Make arrangements with staff for pickup of mail, emptying book drop and meeting the UPS delivery person.
- To be safe, unplug everything in the facility before cutting over to generator power, and again when restoring regular power. Be sure to include circuit breakers for things like the circulating pump for your furnace and the power to your telephone system.
- Arrange for fuel delivery every day if you are running the generator 24 hours. We had to in order to run our backups. Trust me, you cannot haul this generator to the gas station! Large generators use a mixture of number 1 and number 2 diesel, which is different from what semi-trucks use.
- We acquired battery backup (UPS) boxes for all our critical staff computers and the public Internet workstations. One 500 VA UPS will serve two computers. As a reminder, you should already have UPS boxes on your servers. I am told that these UPS boxes are a good idea to have anyway in case of outages caused by electrical storms and other more bizarre incidents. We recently had an outage due to a bird getting into a transformer. Cost is about \$60 each.
- We left our copiers off during the outage. Generators are not considered to be a clean source of power; the spikes and lows of energy output are really harmful to anything with a digital readout. Note: this includes ranges, microwaves, washers and dryers and other home appliances. I flipped the circuit breakers on our home panel until we had regular NPPD power restored.

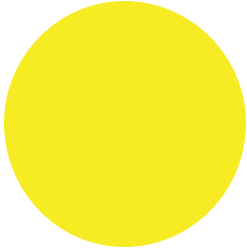
Make sure you have adequate flashlights and plenty of batteries. You cannot find batteries or candles during the event. For people like us, an itty bitty booklight also makes the long, dark nights snuggled under several down comforters and quilts much more enjoyable!

Last, if you are community-minded, call your Red Cross coordinator and find out if shelters need food, blankets, diapers, etc. Contact neighbors and share resources. Be particularly attentive to the needs of elderly neighbors. Be patient with your City officials... they are putting in 20 hour days and more. Last, it doesn't hurt to stop and tell one of the many linemen who will be all over town how much you appreciate the heavy, cold, dangerous work they are doing to restore your life to normal. Their faces just light up, if you will excuse the pun.



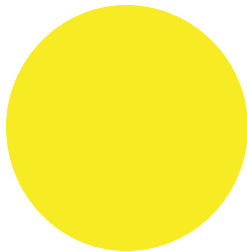
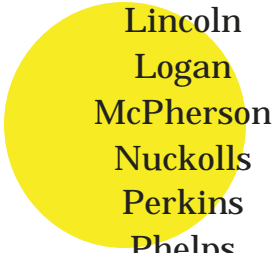
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Library 2.0

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Library 2.0 is a loosely defined model for a modernized form of library service that reflects a transition within the library world in the way that services are delivered to users. The concept of Library 2.0 borrows from that of Business 2.0 and Web 2.0 and follows some of the same underlying philosophies. This includes online services such as the use of OPAC systems and an increased flow of information from the user back to the library.

With Library 2.0 library services are constantly updated and reevaluated to best serve library users. Library 2.0 also attempts to harness the library user in the design and implementation of library services by encouraging feedback and participation. Proponents of this concept expect that ultimately the Library 2.0 model for service will replace traditional, one-directional service offerings that have characterized libraries for centuries.