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Librarians Lobby at Legislative Day 2004

By Kathy Tooker,
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Library Legislative Day 2004, held on February 19, was attended by over 150 librarians, trustees, Friends, and senators. Several first-time attendees commented on how much they had enjoyed the day. One senator, after looking out over the crowded room during the coffee and doughnuts time, said that libraries really had a lobby group now and that he had heard from them. Music to my ears!



Eight youth from across the state were recognized for their volunteer work they do at their local public or school library. These kids were IMPRESSIVE. I encouraged the older youth to go into the library profession. [Editor's Note: Pictured is Richard

McDonald from Southern Valley Elementary in Oxford, the RVLS honoree. For more details, see "RVLS News," page 3.]

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Willing to Serve?

Do you know a librarian, media specialist or library user who would be interested in serving on the RVLS Board?

You may nominate yourself, too!

Please see the insert for more information.

The next RVLS Board Meeting will be held 10 am June 4, 2004, followed by the RVLS Annual Meeting, 11am-2 pm, Red Cloud Opera House & Gallery. Please see insert for details, including a scholarship opportunity!



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LIBRARIANS LOBBY AT LEGISLATIVE DAY 2004

Speakers for the day included Bill Johnson, publisher of the *Lincoln Journal Star*, who spoke about the media and community building. Library Commissioner Wally Seiler from Alliance spoke on the importance of mentorship. The afternoon education seminar presenter was Mike Nolan, city administrator from Norfolk, who used a Power Point presentation to illustrate his address on Servant Leadership. Each contributed to the day and I would like to thank them again for their participation.

Ken Winston, NLA lobbyist, highlighted bills and issues of interest to the library world.

- LB 784— Would grant authority for financing public facilities through bonded indebtedness for joint projects among political subdivision.
- LB 879—Provides a Nebraska income tax credit for certain charitable contributions to a permanent endowment held by a tax-exempt organization.
- LB 936—Changes reporting requirements for public libraries.
- LB 901—Prohibits acts related to commercial electronic mail messages.
- LB 1236—Prohibits acts related to computer fraud and unsolicited email.
- Nebraska Library Commission Budget—Administration's Proposed Budget includes a 2.5% reduction in operations and a 1% reduction in state aid.

Legislative Day was a success due to the many people who helped: the members of the NLA Legislative Committee, the volunteers who helped at the luncheon, NLC Network Services Department that demonstrated NebraskAccess, and all of you who invited their senators and visited with them during the day about what is happening at their local libraries. Thanks for being library advocates, not just passive supporters.



RVLS NEWS

Fairfield Public Library held a poetry contest for the sixth grade class at **Sandy Creek School**. Local residents of Fairfield chose the top three winners, who were awarded cash prizes. All other participants received participation prizes.

The **Blue Hill Public Library Friends Foundation** has purchased a digital scanner/reader and laser printer for the microfilm files of the local newspaper, *The Blue Hill Leader*. The library has the complete archives of the paper, dating from 1894. They include news columns from several surrounding communities in Webster and Adams counties, including Bladen, Ayr, Rosemont, Roseland, Campbell and Holstein. The year 2004 is Diamond Jubilee—75th Anniversary Year—for **Blue Hill Public Library**; more news to come on celebratory activities!

The Student Council at **Southern Valley Elementary** in **Oxford** nominated **Richard McDonald** (see photo, page 1) for a youth volunteer award for his volunteer work in the school library. Richard was one of eight who received a youth award February 19 during the Nebraska Library Association's Legislative Day in Lincoln. Richard has cheerfully and willingly given of his free time to reshelve books and to learn how to run the library computer. Richard has become a role model to the younger students, as several of the fifth graders are already asking if they can help out next year when Richard moves to the JR/SR High School. Congratulations, Richard!

Keith Saathoff, North Platte Community College, has a new email address:
<saathoffk@mpcc.edu>.

Superior Public Schools has changed its web address. The new address is
<http://162.127.9.3:8080/superior/>

Nancy Cantin, Hastings Regional Center Medical and Patient Library, was recently appointed to a three-year term on the State Advisory Council on Libraries. Congratulations on your appointment, Nancy!

McCook Public Library was awarded a 2003 Children's Grant for Excellence by the Nebraska Library Commission. The \$1,000 grant, written by **Leila Koetter**, was patterned after a 2002 grant to Central City for "Traipsing Through Tombstones." The grant will provide the opportunity for 20-30 4th and 5th graders to learn about local history, genealogy and cemetery etiquette. Congratulations!

The **Northeast Library System** has a new administrator. **Katherine Ellerton**, who lives in Wayne, has an M.A. in Library Science and library experience in Colorado, Missouri and Montana. Welcome, Katherine!

Janet Sears began as **Director of Imperial Public Library** on March 22. Janet, who appraises quilts and raises dogs, will be moving to Imperial from Bridgeport. Welcome, Janet!



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

"AAUP Endorses Bill to Counter Abuses in the USA Patriot Act"

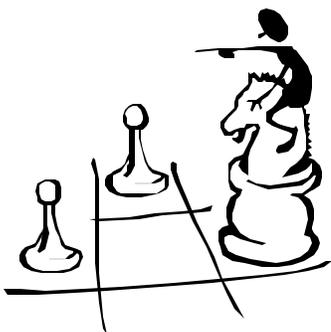
As reported by AAUP at www.aaup.org/newsroom/press/2003/patriot.htm

"The American Association of University Professors has endorsed passage of S. 1709, the Safety and Freedom Ensured Act (SAFE Act) that would curtail certain practices allowed by the USA Patriot Act. Specifically, the bill would narrow Justice Department authority to operate under national security letters, which permit the department to bypass standard grand jury procedures. It would also limit so-called sneak-and-peek warrants under Section 213 of the Patriot Act.

The report specifically calls for changes to Section 215 of the Patriot Act, which empowers federal agents to obtain warrants to gather information about the materials individuals borrow from libraries or purchase from bookstores. The SAFE Act modifies Section 215, providing a special exemption for libraries to ensure patrons' reading privacy."

For AAUP's special committee report on "Academic Freedom & National Security in a Time of Crisis." go to www.aaup.org/statements/REPORTS/911report.htm.





Legal Reference Resource

RVLS has recently added to its professional collection a resource to help assist non-law librarians with legal matters. "Basic Legal Reference & Collection Development for Non-Law Librarians," by Richard A. Leiter and Sandra B. Placzek of the Marvin & Virginia Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska College of Law(2003). The notebook-format resource covers: FAQs, basic legal citation formats, Nebraska research and resources, reading Nebraska statutes, federal research and resources, selected Nebraska and federal bibliographies, among other topics. To borrow this resource, email rvlsasst@tcgcs.com or call 800-569-4961.



It's Your Move

The Librarian's Guide to Great Web Sites for Kids is available in .pdf form at the /ALAALSC site (www.ala.org/greatsites). The brochure offers Internet safety tips and guidelines for parents, caregivers and children, in addition to providing sites for all three.

The U.S. Department of Education has launched a new Web resource, www.ed.gov/misused, that includes tips for students and families for protecting their identity, along with advice on how they can detect identity theft.

Mo Khamouna, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (Curtis), is looking for a gently-used copy of the *World Guide to Museums*. If you can help him out, please contact him at mkhamouna1@unl.edu.

Check www.techsoup.com for hardware and software discounts for non-profit organizations, as well as other resources. Thanks to **Laura Cundiff, Clay Center Public Library**, for suggesting the site!



A Word to Trustees By Maggie Harding

I want to thank Jill Bresson, Trustee at Crete Public Library, Larry Jirsak, Trustee at Fremont, Keene Memorial Library and Kristen Rogge, NLC Commissioner for serving as greeters at the Nebraska Library Association's Legislative Day, February 19th. It gave the Senators a chance to meet the people who are responsible for supporting libraries on a local level. The Senators are well aware of the people who staff the libraries, thanks to hard work on the part of NLA Legislative Committee. They haven't been as aware of the trustee group. This is something we would like to improve on.

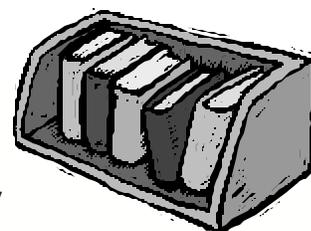
I know that some of you have not been aware of the purpose of the NLA mailing list. The welcoming statement spells out some of the details, but I would like to emphasize these issues. The list is not a public list. It is for members of NLA only. Email addresses are not available through the list. The messages that are transmitted deal with library issues only. It is monitored closely and any abuses are handled immediately. You will not be deluged with unwanted "spam." The Association has chosen the mailing list as a way of keeping members current on the happenings of the Association and any library issues that may arise. It is a cost-effective way of reaching our membership. The numbers of emails you are likely to receive in a month's time have ranged from none to around 20. Please consider (or reconsider) keeping your name on the list. We want to keep in touch!

TUFS has been working with the systems on a survey that will be coming to the trustees soon. We are trying to determine what issues you feel are important and where you would like to have more information or training. When you receive yours, please answer it and return it. This will help in planning future continuing education programs of interest to trustees.



On the Bookshelf

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



- ◆ "Basic Legal Reference & Collection Development for Non-Law Librarians," by Richard A. Leiter and Sandra B. Placzek (2003). See sidebar, page 4.
- ◆ "Discover New Trails @ your library™: Make & Take 2004 Workshop" Video (3/19/2004, Hastings Memorial Library, Grant).
- ◆ "Professional Toolkit: Skills for Advancement," College of DuPage teleconference video (3/26/2004)
- ◆ "Realities of Digital Reference: Challenges, Tools, and Opportunities—New Tools for Enhancing Digital Reference," College of DuPage teleconference video (2/6/2004)
- ◆ *The Visible Librarian: Asserting Your Value with Marketing and Advocacy* by Judith A. Siess (American Library Association, 2003).
- ◆ "Web Filtering, Policy, Software, Staff Training and CIPA," College of DuPage teleconference video (3/12/2004)

If you would like to borrow any (or all!) of these items, please contact the System office at 800-569-4961 or rvlsasst@tcgcs.com. If you would like to see list of all available items, go to www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican/professional.html.



NEMA/Republican Valley Library Media/Youth Services Institute

SERVICES AVAILABLE@your library®

Mark your calendars for a fun and informative workshop on June 7th in the North Platte High School Media Center. The Republican Valley Library System and NEMA (Nebraska Educational Media Association) will jointly sponsor a one day workshop, "SERVICES AVAILABLE@your library®." **The registration form is enclosed in this newsletter.** Hear about the new NebraskACCESS database and the useful tools for librarians. See and hear about the new 2004-2005 Golden Sowers. Learn about the many services provided by the Braille and Talking Book Service especially designed for your special needs patrons and students. Discover the many Internet sites offering free government resources and learn about the many, many resources available from the Migrant Center in Hastings.

The workshop will start at 9:00 (coffee and donuts at 8:30) in the North Platte High School Media Center, 1220 West 2nd Street. Patty Birch, North Platte High School Media Specialist, will be our host. If you have questions about directions to the high school, please e-mail Patty, pbirch@esu16.org.

Your lunch is included in the \$10 registration fee. Please send the registration to Mary Reiman (address on the registration form) by May 14th.

Librarians participating in the Nebraska Library Commission Public Librarian Certification program will be credited for 5 hours of CE.

Dr. Becky Pasco will offer one hour of Independent Study credit at UNO to all those who attend this workshop and develop projects directly related to the sessions they attend. Contact Dr. Pasco (rpasco@mail.unomaha.edu) for more details.





NLA Public Library Section 2004 Spring Meetings

A two-track spring meeting will be held May 17 at Alliance Public Library, May 19 at Broken Bow Public Library, and May 20 at Seward Memorial Library. Attendees will choose between "Being a Professional Person—It Is Not All about the Credentials," presented by Mary Bushing, and "Teen Space: Capturing Teen Imagination in the Library," presented by Kimberly Bolan Taney with Sally Snyder. To register or for more information, contact Joan Birnie, Broken Bow Public Library, <bb12849@alltel.net>. "Teen Space" will also be offered May 18 at McCook Public Library and May 21 at Northeast Community College, Norfolk. Contact Jacque Crocker at jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us or 800-307-2665 to register. Co-sponsored by the Public Library Section; the Trustees, Users & Friends Section; the Special & Institutional Section; School, Children's & Young People Section; and the Nebraska Library Commission.

RVLS Calendar

April 2004

School Library Month

National Poetry Month

16—"Joe Janes & Colleagues: Preparing for the Future of Digital Reference" College of DuPage teleconference, 11-1pm, CCC- Hastings and McKinley Ed Center-North Platte. To register, email rvlssast@tcgcs.com

16—¡Bienvenidos! – Welcome to the World of Services for Hispanic Youth Videoconference, 2-5pm CDT. RVLS-area sites include Hastings, Kearney and North Platte. For more info, go to www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/1540.html

18-24—National Library Week,

www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/nationallibraryweek.htm

19—Basic Skills: Organization of Information—Cataloging, 10-12/1-3, North Platte Public Library, 120 W. 4th Street. To register, email Jacque Crocker, NLC, jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us.

30—The Visible Library: Promoting Library Value with Marketing & Advocacy by Pat Wagner, 9:30-400, Ella Missing Center, 411 6th Street, Arapahoe, NE.

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3—Basic Skills: Organization of Information—Cataloging, 10-12/1-3, North Platte Public Library, 120 W. 4th Street. To register, email Jacque Crocker, NLC, at <jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us>.

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June 2004

4—RVLS Annual Meeting. **Please see inserted flyer.**

7—SERVICES AVAILABLE @your library™ Workshop, 9:00 a.m.—2:45 p.m., North Platte High School Media Center, 1220 West 2nd Street. **Please see inserted flyer.**



OCLC CATEXPRESS OFFER FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS: 13 MONTHS FOR THE PRICE OF 12

By Christa Burns, OCLC Member Services Coordinator, NLC

NEBASE is offering a free trial month of OCLC CatExpress access to new subscribers. CatExpress provides web-based copy cataloging to small libraries at a low, flat-fee subscription price.

If you are cataloging 2,400 or fewer titles a year, CatExpress is the most efficient way to get your records into OCLC. A CatExpress subscription includes the cost of searching the WorldCat database, setting or deleting your holdings in WorldCat, receiving MARC records to load into your local system, and your telecommunications charges to OCLC.

The OCLC CatExpress trial subscription is a no-risk way to see if CatExpress is right for you and your library. Many libraries new to OCLC would like to know what kind of hit rate they will receive with CatExpress. You may also want to know how the records from OCLC can be processed by your local system. The trial option allows you to do real work with CatExpress, before committing to a subscription.

The introductory subscription is for the month of June 2003, and is free. If you do not wish to continue with CatExpress, simply cancel before the end of the month. If you do not cancel within that first month, the subscription automatically rolls over to the regular 12 month subscription, which runs from July 2003-June 2004.

NEBASE will be taking orders for CatExpress from now through May 15. The free trial month will begin on June 1, 2003. If you decide to continue with CatExpress after the free trial month is over, you don't need to do a thing. You will automatically be added to NEBASE's CatExpress Group Subscription. You will only pay for the regular 12 month subscription, receiving 13 months of CatExpress access for the price of 12.

To learn more about CatExpress, and to see the special NEBASE Group Subscription Pricing, go to <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/catx.html>. Contact Christa Burns at cburns@nlc.state.ne.us or 800-307-2665 or 402-471-3107 if you have any questions and to sign up for the CatExpress offer.



JOIN THE WEBDEWEY & ABRIDGED WEBDEWEY GROUP PURCHASE

By Christa Burns, OCLC Member Services Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission

Experience the power of Dewey on the web! Now you can have web-based access to an enhanced version of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) database through WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey. NEBASE is building a new group of WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey users across Nebraska. OCLC is offering a discounted price for users who join the NEBASE WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey group.

The current WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey group subscription year runs from January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004. Libraries may join the WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey group at any time. Midyear subscriptions will be prorated. Orders must be received by the 15th of the month for a start date of the 1st of the following month.

Libraries who wish to subscribe do not have to be members of OCLC. Any library can subscribe - WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey are available to both OCLC member and non-member libraries.

WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey, which correspond to the unabridged and abridged print editions, are updated on a quarterly basis, bringing you ongoing updates implemented by the Dewey editorial team almost as soon as they occur. The Web versions also offer additional electronic functionality not available in the print editions to make your classification work more efficient.

If your collection holds less than 20,000 titles, Abridged WebDewey is for you. It gives you access to an enhanced version of the Abridged Dewey. Abridged WebDewey is now based on the new Abridged Edition 14. WebDewey has been based on the enhanced DDC 22 database since June 2003.

For more information about web access to the DDC, go to <http://www.oclc.org/dewey/versions/default.htm>

Joining the NEBASE WebDewey & Abridged WebDewey Group is easy! If your library is interested in joining the new WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey group, please complete the online Order Form at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/deweyorder.html>. If you have any questions about WebDewey, Abridged WebDewey or the NEBASE group, contact Christa Burns at cburns@nlc.state.ne.us, 402-471-3107, or 800-307-2665.



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FREE MONEY!

Scholarships are available to cover the registration fee to attend the RVLS Annual Meeting in Red Cloud on Friday, June 4. First come, first served until the money runs out. Call (800) 569-4961 for an application today.

Granny Geek

Want to perform a quick backup of your computer data files? Here's how: If using Windows 2000 & if logged on as Username "kleapley." Close all programs.

Start | Programs | Accessories | Backup.

On Backup tab, select

C:\Documents and Settings\kleapley\My Documents (for your data files).

Also select C:\Documents and Settings\kleapley\Local Settings\Application Data\Identities (for your email messages in Outlook Express). At bottom, in "Backup media or filename:" click Browse to select destination to copy to. When one disc gets full, it will ask for another.

