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25+ Years of Dedication to RVLS



Vicki Perrie (left in photo) and Norma Dannatt (right in photo) members of the Republican Valley Library System Board, are “term-limited” out. They

might be back, but they may not. Being on a Board of a Library System is usually fun and always interesting.

Vicki Perrie is the Director of Superior Public Library and has been on the RVLS Board for 8½ years as she took over for a retiring member, filled her term and was re-elected for two terms. Vicki said she only missed three meetings during her time on the Board. One was cancelled, one was in Grant, but she wasn't up to driving that far on the day it was scheduled, and she still feels guilty about not going, and she had a migraine during one of the meetings and went home. Vicki says she highly recommends being on a System Board. When you attend Board meetings, you find out what is going on in the library world, you learn about programs, grants and are always one of the first to be aware of things happening in library land. Being a board member makes you stay involved in a broader world than you would if you are just in your own small library. Vicki was president of the RVLS Board for 2 years while RVLS was searching for an administrator. It was a challenging but really interesting time to be a Board president. Problems for RVLS could occur with the rising gas prices and the vastness of Republican Valley Library System. Travel and costs will probably be a major con-

cern in the future and one the RVLS Board will have to contemplate.

Norma Dannatt from Imperial, NE was a member of the RVLS Board for many years. She isn't sure but thinks she was a board member between 15 and 18 years. Being on the RVLS board is almost like being on the Supreme Court....a lifetime commitment. Norma's children came to board meetings with her and now she has a grandchild. The kids remember having pizza delivered to their hotel room when they would come to a meeting and stay overnight. Imperial to Hastings is a trek. Norma said many times she would get up at 4:00 am. to get to Hastings for a Board meeting. Did we mention that she is in a different time zone? She remembers dodging turkeys, coyotes and deer on her way. She has enjoyed being on the Board and meeting all the “awesome” people involved with libraries. She also enjoyed learning firsthand what was going on in libraries and at the Nebraska Library Commission. One of the biggest challenges is hiring a new administrator. I asked Norma if she would recommend being on a library system board and this was her comment *“If you truly love what a library stands for and the people it serves then yes I would recommend you being on RVLS board or any library board whether local, regional or state.”* Norma also says *“Thanks to everyone for teaching me to listen to all kinds of ideas, (whether I liked them or not!) and to listen to my ideas, (whether you liked them or not!!) I have been blessed with lifelong friends because of RVLS!!!”*

RVLS will miss these two terrific board members as well as two others who choose not to run for their second terms due to job considerations. They are **Sonja Burpo** from Imperial and **Nancy Cantin** from Superior. All these board members have left their footprints on Republican Valley Library System. We say thanks for the wonderful service to the library community. RVLS has new members to step into their jobs.

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New Board members for Republican Valley Library System for 2008-2011 are:

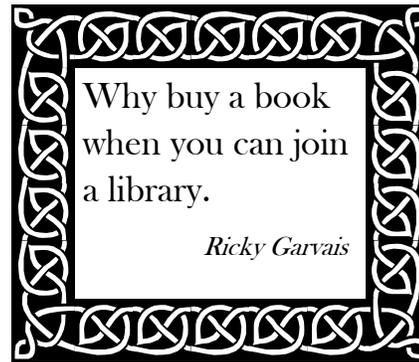
Sylvia Person from Holdrege. Sylvia retired from Holdrege Public Schools as a Media Specialist and she has been continually active in libraries and the Performing Arts.

Jane Hilton from Elwood. Jane is the director at Elwood Public Library where she has worked for the last 24 years.

Nancy Sherwood from Red Cloud. Nancy is the Director of the Auld Public Library in Red Cloud. She was the director from 1981-89 and is once again the Director.

Beth Falla from Imperial. Beth is the Director of Lied Imperial Public Library. She has worked at the LIPL since 1996.

Sherry Houston



YA titles nominated for the top 10 YA books of 2008

Voting will be in October. To see more information go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/>

Before I Die by Jenny Downham

Betrayed by PC Cast and Kristin Cast

City of Bones by Cassandra Clare

Daemon Hall by Andrew Nance

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Eclipse by Stephenie Meyer

Extras by Scott Westerfeld

Evil Genius by Catherine Jinks

Glass by Ellen Hopkins

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by JK Rowling

Ironside by Holly Black

Jango by William Nicholson

Jinx by Meg Cabot

The Luxe by Anna Godberson

Maximum Ride: Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports

by James Patterson

Saving Zoe by Alyson Noel

Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow by Jessica George

The Sweet Far Thing by Libba Bray

Tamar by Mal Peet

Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson

Unwind by Neal Shusterman

Vampire Academy by Richelle Mead

Wicked Lovely by Melissa Marr

Wildwood Dancing by Juliet Marillier



Nebraska Golden Sower Winners for 2008

Primary—Winner: *The Great Fuzz Frenzy* by Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel, illus. Janet Stevens

Honor: *Mrs. McBloom, Clean Up Your Classroom!* by Kelly DiPucchio
Tooth Fairy's First Night by Anne Bowen, illus. Jon Berkeley

Intermediate—Winner: *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney

Honor: *The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco* by Janice Repka, illus. Glin Dibley
The SOS File by Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers

Young Adult—Winner: *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

Honor: *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld
The Perfect Shot by Elaine Marie Alphin



RVLS NEWS



If you have a garden and a book, you have everything. Cicero

Changes are coming to **Hastings Public Library**. Sometime in October 2008, Director **Linda Rea** will be retiring. Linda has been the Director at Hastings Public Library for 29+ years and she will have been employed by Hastings Public for almost 33 years. We, at RVLS, wish her the best of luck and hope that she enjoys every minute of her retirement.

Tysha Francis is the new Public Library Director at **Fairfield Public Library**. Melissa Whitefoot will continue to be on the Fairfield Public Library Board and be involved in the library. Welcome to RVLS, Tysha.

The new K-12 Media Specialist for **Sutton Public Schools** is **Ahlona Landauer**. Glad you choose a school in RVLS, **Ahlona**.

Congratulations to Libraries in RVLS

•**Fairfield Public Library** received a Library Improvement grant to update their DVD collection by purchasing a group of DVD classics available for check out in the community.

•**Hastings Public Library** received a Library Improvement grant to upgrade their server for their combined automated catalog with Hastings Public Schools.

•**Holdrege Area Public Library** received a Library Improvement grant to digitize some of their genealogical materials.

Apply for a **grant** from the Nebraska Library Commission. As long as you are an accredited public library, you are eligible for any of three types of grants offered yearly. The continuing education grant is due August 4, 2008.

For more information go to <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/grant.html>

Wii and Games available

All the System's Offices have obtained a Wii and games to loan to libraries. At this time, RVLS has the following games:

Wii Sports (comes with the Wii)

Okami (a 5 star game that is an art game)

Mario Kart (a car race game that comes with 2 wheels)

Pinball (based on the old pinball games)

Super Mario Space Galaxy

You will need to sign an agreement when you check out the Wii, but you can keep it for 2 weeks which can be renewed for 2 weeks if there is no one waiting. We will mail it to you as it is light even with all the parts.

See page 15 for the gaming contract..

Consider having a gaming party for teens, for senior citizens, for the Grade 4 to 6 group, for women. The sky is the limit on who might want to be a gamer.

Hastings Memorial Library in Grant is creating a Reading Garden in front of the library.



All the concrete in front of the library was removed and trees, plants, shrubs and sculpture will be installed.

A grant from the Nebraska State Arboretum was received to help with the costs of the project. The theme is "if



you have a garden and a book, you have everything." What a terrific idea. I hope I can see the finished product.

Hastings Public Library celebrated Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros on April 27, 2008. Approximately 900 people were in attendance, and 450 books were given to children. The library gained almost 50 new library card holders. The library in partnership with other community organizations sponsored this event and plans another event next year to celebrate multicultural diversity and family literacy in Hastings.

Ellison On the Move

Here's the schedule for the Ellison, if you want on the schedule please contact us, or if it is near you, perhaps you could work out something with your neighbor.

June 1, 2008: Hastings Memorial Library (Grant)—Robin Quinn

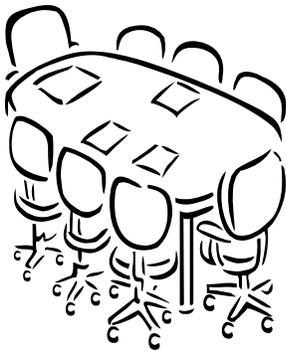
July 1, 2008: Fairfield Public Library—Tysha Francis

August 15, 2008: Red Cloud Public School—Janice Hartman

September 15, 2008: Central Community College, Hastings—Sherrie Dux-Ideus

Also check out the RVLS' newest Audiobooks and Booksets (page 6), as well as equipment that you can borrow for your Library needs.

2008-2009 RVLS Board Meetings



**Friday, September 12, 2008—Hastings Middle School,
Hastings**

**Friday, November 7, 2008—North Platte Public Library,
North Platte**

Friday, January 9, 2009—Superior Public Library, Superior

Friday, March 6, 2009—Butler Memorial Library, Cambridge

**Friday, June 5, 2009—Annual Meeting,
Location to be determined**

All meetings begin at 10 am.

Your attendance is encouraged and welcomed!

President -Judy Grandstaff

Vice-President -Patty Hall

Secretary -Suzann Christensen

Members: Tony Anderson

Pat Bonge Vicki Casper

Laura Cundiff Beth Falla

Jane Hilton Terri Johnson

Sylvia Person Nancy Sherwood



It's Your Move

Statewide Community Resources At Your Fingertips Via 2-1-1

Want to know where to go in your community for human services? The answer is just a mouse click away at www.ne211.org. This Web site has information about programs in your community -- and across the state -- that provide such services as *homeless shelters, transitional housing, health care, financial assistance, food banks, mental health care and counseling, crisis lines, utility assistance, substance abuse programs, recreation programs, mentoring programs, community services, volunteering, disaster relief*, and much more!

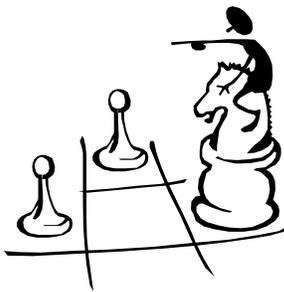
At the ne211.org site, you may search for resources in a number of ways:

- Type in a keyword, such as “emergency housing”
- Browse the categories of human services and select the one that best fits
- Use one of our “quick” searches
- Look for an agency or program with the alphabetical search

Limit your search results by a miles radius from a zip code (for keyword, category, alphabetical, and “quick” searches)

For example, a keyword search for “library” returns over 50 results, including public libraries and agency-based resource centers. An ne211.org user can find out if a particular public library offers story time, GED classes in Spanish, public Internet access, or other services. Common keyword searches made on ne211.org relate to housing, health care, financial assistance, food, and mental health care.

Rather talk to someone on the phone? The ne211.org Web site is a companion to 2-1-1, the three digit phone service. Residents of 38 Nebraska coun-



ties and eight counties in southwest Iowa can dial 2-1-1. Just dial 2-1-1 on your phone to connect to a live, certified information and referral specialist. Interpretation assistance for more than 150 languages is offered to those calling the 2-1-1 call center.

Both the Web site and the call center are free, confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Basic Skills— Public Administration will be held at the North Platte Public Library. Cecelia Lawrence, Director of North Platte Public, will teach. The dates have not been set yet, but the classes will be in October or November.

Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission announced that Devra Dragos has been appointed to the Library Commission’s Network Services / NE-BASE Director position.

For the past seven years Devra has served as the Library Commission’s Cataloging Librarian and previously as the Library Commission’s OCLC Services Coordinator. Devra has considerable experience as a trainer and has extensive experience in working with automated library systems, and digital libraries. Devra’s experience with OCLC products and services, cataloging and technical services, automated library systems and her work as a member of the Network Services

unit make her especially well suited for this position.

Gates Foundation Grants for 2009

Nebraska public libraries are slated to participate in the latest round of Gates Foundation grants in 2009. The “Opportunity Online” hardware grants are for public libraries serving communities with “high concentrations of poverty and at risk of having outdated technology.” A local 25% match will be required and library staff will be expected to engage in advocacy training to help raise awareness in their community about their library’s services and increase local support and funding for technology services.

In the U.S. to date, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has invested \$320 million in grants and other support to train thousands of library staff and install and sustain computers in public libraries in all fifty states and U.S. territories. The Opportunity Online hardware grants are expected to be the last round of grants given by the foundation to support computer upgrades for U.S. public libraries with vulnerable technology. Nebraska libraries had an excellent experience with the first round of Gates hardware grants and look forward to repeating the experience in 2009.

Two cataloging workshops: Under-standing MARC 21 Bibliographic Records, and Monographic Copy Cataloging

have been scheduled for August and September at the Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte. Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records is a two-day workshop that will be held August 22, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm and August 29, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Monographic Copy Cataloging will be held September 19, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Sharon Mason will be the instructor for both workshops. Sharon was the Head of Technical Services at University of Nebraska at Kearney for many years.

For more information or to register for these workshops:

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/2332.html>



On the Bookshelf



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

Books on CD

- *Snow Blind* by P.J. Tracy **MP3-CD**
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain **MP3 –CD**
- *Pardonable Lies* by Jacqueline Winspear
- *Faith and Politics* by Senator John Danforth
- *What Paul Meant* by Garry Wills **MP3-CD**
- *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama
- *Landsman* by Peter Charles Melman

Booksets Available from RVLS

Author	Title	# of Copies	Grade Level	Audiobook
Carey, Mike	<i>Re-Gifters</i>	16	7th-12th	No
D'orso, Michael	<i>Eagle Blue</i>	20	10th-Adult	No
DuPrau, Jeanne	<i>City of Ember</i>	20	5th-8th	Yes
Kava, Alex	<i>One False Move</i>	12	Adult	No
Kloefkorn, William	<i>Restoring the Burnt Child</i>	10	Adult	Yes
Larson, Kirby	<i>Hattie Big Sky</i>	20	7th -12th	Yes
Lubar, David	<i>Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie</i>	20	7th-12th	Yes
Mikaelsen, Ben	<i>Rescue Josh McGuire</i>	15	4th-6th	No
Mikaelsen, Ben	<i>Stranded</i>	20	4th-6th	No
Mikaelsen, Ben	<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>	17	5th-8th	No
Sandoz, Mari	<i>Crazy Horse</i>	18	Adult	No
Zusak, Marcus	<i>The Book Thief</i>	20	9th-Adult	Yes
On Order				
Alexie, Sherman	<i>Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian</i>	20	9th-12th	No
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	20	3rd-7th	No
Kadohata, Cynthia	<i>Cracker! The Best dog in Vietnam</i>	20	5th-9th	Yes
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Rules</i>	20	4th-7th	No
Lupica, Mike	<i>Heat</i>	20	7th-12	Yes
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Jazz (illustrated poetry)</i>	20	4th-9th	Yes
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>My Dog May be a Genius (poetry)</i>	20	K-5th	No
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	20	4th-9th	Yes
Sacar, Louis	<i>Holes</i>	20	5th-9th	Yes



Republican Valley Library System held their **Annual Meeting on June 6, 2008** at the Hastings Museum. The keynote speaker, Bill Kloefkorn entertained the audience with tales from his One Book, One Nebraska selection *Restoring the Burnt Child*. His appearance was funded in part by the Nebraska Center for the Humanities. Teresa Hartman and Marie Reidelbach from McGoogan Library of Medicine at the University

Medical Center in Omaha explained their resources and encouraged use by librarians everywhere. Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission spoke about changes and happenings at NLC. A wonderful lunch was catered by Chef Oren Kariri from Central Community College. Both before and after the meeting, people toured Hastings Museum. Over 50 people were in attendance.



Chef Oren Kariri, Central Community College

Nebraska Libraries celebrated National Library Week



Author Ben Mikaelson toured Nebraska during National Library week in April speaking to students and adults in schools and public libraries. His message of “being yourself” resonated with everyone who heard him speak. Mikaelson had trouble learning to read but he has become a nationally known author who has written widely acclaimed books for students. He is also a pilot who has flown over the North Pole, lives with a 950 pound bear named Buffy, has ridden a horse across the United States, is a sky-diver and a cliff diver who has followed his dreams. His message of “don’t be afraid to be different,

life is a story and you are the author” was extremely compelling to audience members. Some of his books are *Rescue Josh McGuire*, *Petey*, *Touching Spirit Bear*, and *Stranded*. His newest book *Ghost of Spirit Bear* will be available June 17, 2008. **The students of Nebraska thank the Nebraska Library Commission for funding this wonderful opportunity for everyone.**



RVLS Calendar



June— 2008

26—July 2 ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA

July—2008

26—Norfolk Public Library 14th Annual Literature Festival (see insert)

August—2008

8—Database Roadshow 2008, Kearney, 9:30 (eLibrary), 1:00 (BIP & Fiction Connection),
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventlist.asp?Search=Database%20Road%20show&Mode=Search&Scope=NLC> See website for other locations.

11—NELLI (Nebraska Library Leadership Institute) Reunion , St. Benedicts, Schuyler, 9:30 a.m.

12—NEBASE Annual Meeting 2008—East- Cornhusker Marriot Hotel, Lincoln, NE
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=8425>

22, 29— Understanding MARC 21Bibliographic Records, North Platte (See page 5)

September

19—Monographic Copy Cataloging, North Platte, (See page 5)

October - 2008

15-17—NLA/NEMA Annual Conference, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE (See insert)

17-18— Nebraska Center for the Book Literature Festival, Downtown Lincoln

Living By the Code

By Cathy Mohnike

Ahhh, the pleasures of summer! One of my favorite is to find an author of a series that I've never read then spend some enjoyable hours reading the entire series. Let me be perfectly clear, I'm not talking about any heavy duty classics just light summer fare. So while visiting Lee Booksellers in Lincoln I zeroed in on their mystery series. The John Ceepak series by Chris Grabenstein caught my eye so I found the first title in the series, "*Tilt A Whirl*", laid down my cash and started reading.

Now who doesn't love a book that has you from hello? I was hooked after the first three paragraphs.

Some guys have a code they live by, some guys don't.

John Ceepak? He has a code.

Me? No code. Not unless you count my ZIP code or something.

As it turns out John is an ex-MP who has recently returned from Iraq. When he is offered a position in the tourist town of Sea Haven, New Jersey, by a military buddy he takes the job. His partner, 24 year old part-time cop, Danny, has always lived in Sea Haven. So they make a great team – the outsider pro and the hometown rookie.

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Continued from page 8—Living by the Code—by Cathy Mobnike

There's a lot to like about this duo. John and Danny are both good guys. (I used my standard criteria for figuring that out. That criteria being that I wouldn't mind my daughter ending up with one of them. Simple but it works.) I enjoyed the way that Grabenstein wove the comparison of the partners into the story.

Ceepak is hard to miss. He's big--about six-two. I figure he must be thirty or thirty-five, but he has this baby face and a big boyish grin. He even has dimples. When he's not on duty or watching the tube, he's down at the gym. ... pumping up his biceps and triceps and all those other "cep" muscles I don't even know if I have. The police shirt clings and bulges on his chest. It just sort of hangs on me.

Another thing that endears Ceepak to me is that he lives by the "Code". He does not lie, cheat or steal and he won't tolerate anyone who does. This leads to some amusing moments like; John and Danny are having their morning coffee when Danny sees a bratty tourist kid pocket the tip money from an empty table. Danny is so hoping that Ceepak doesn't see that violation of the Code take place but of course he does. We've all seen brats in action before so we are familiar with the drill. Ceepak confronts the brat, the brat's mom defends him and usually that's where the rest of us would bow out. Not Ceepak. He exhorts the brat to put the money back and the brat makes a silly error. He pulls the money out of his pocket throws it on the table and loudly announces that he was just making change for the gumball machine.

"He needed quarters," the mother says. "That's all. Sit down, Trevor. Finish your breakfast."

Trevor sneers at Ceepak and returns triumphantly to his table.

"Let's see your dollar bills," Ceepak says.

"What?"

The mother is mortified. "If this is how you people down here treat your visitors..."

"Let's see the greenbacks and it's all good."

The kid has a look on his face: busted!

He doesn't have two dollar bills in his pocket. He doesn't have diddy except lint or a wad of snotty Kleenex.

"That's it," the father says. "What's your badge number? I'm going to have a word with your supervisor..."

Ceepak smiles.

"I will not lie, steal, or cheat, nor tolerate those who do," he says. ... "If your son shows me the dollar bills he was attempting to change, albeit in a rather unorthodox fashion, I will apologize immediately. In fact, I will turn in my badge and leave town in disgrace..."

Ceepak is laying it on thick. Yanking their cranks. I love it when he busts some ballbuster's balls.

The kid starts to sweat.

"Show him your money, Trevor," the father says.

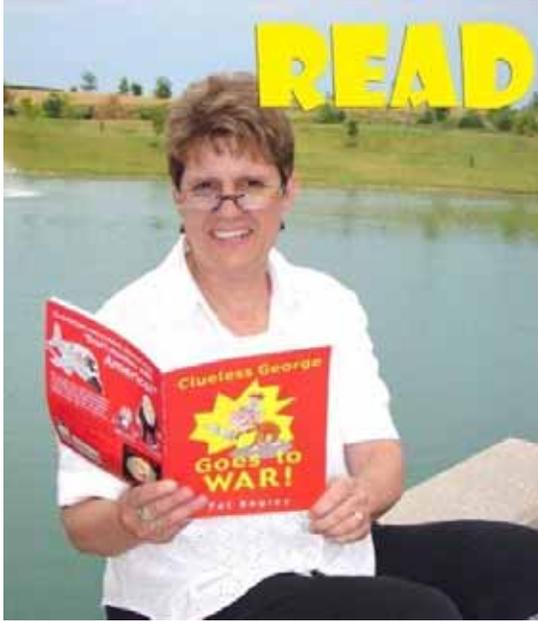
The kid sweats some more.

The Tilt A Whirl earns the title position by being an important part of the murder scene. This causes all kind of angst in town not because of the loss of a human life but because it is tourist season and the mayor knows the tourists will become scarce if they are worried about being murdered while on vacation. This puts added pressure on the police force to solve the crime not only quickly but quietly.

In the second (*Mad Mouse*) and third (*Whack-A-Mole*) books in the series the amusement park again comes into play as the crime scene. The mayor stays true to form and worries more about revenue loss than the loss of human life while Ceepak continues to live by the Code.

After finishing these three books I so admired fictional Ceepak and his Code that I decided to develop a Code to live by this summer. After much soul searching I came up with a two-prong Code. Number one: find entertaining new authors. Number two: Read as many books as possible. So far, so good!

Develop your own personal Code and have a great summer!



Saying Good-bye is not easy.....

It seems like I have only been at this job for a few months and it was three years ago June 1st that I started working for RVLS. It has been a joyful job. RVLS is a great system, and everyone has been nice and fun and delightful to meet and work with in my short tenure as administrator. I will always feel a great love for Republican Valley Library System and all the people who are a part of RVLS. You are such an asset to libraries in Nebraska. You all have made me better knowing you and seeing your passion for libraries and the people who use them. Please keep in touch as I am only a phone call or e-mail away. I will always be happy to hear about a new grandchild, or a future plan or just to know what turn life has given you...as I well know you can't plan those! We don't have an address yet, but hopefully will shortly. I will be the Media Specialist at Birchcrest Elementary for the

Bellevue Public School System, so I am sure you could send a note there if you need or want to contact me. (and if you see that I won the lottery and forgot to pick up my winnings you can contact me at sherryhouston@hotmail.com or 402 984 3882.)



RVLS has scholarship money available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.

Only one scholarship per person per year

All member libraries eligible

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

Scholarship requested for _____(meal, room,etc.)

Amount requested _____

Other information:



Send to: RVLS

2727 W. 2nd # 233

Hastings, NE 68901



Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting

9:30 a.m. June 6, 2008

Hastings Museum Hastings NE 68901

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Anderson, Pat Bonge, Vicki Casper, Suzann Christensen, Laura Cundiff, Norma Dannatt, Judy Grandstaff, Patty Hall, Terri Johnson, Vicki Perrie

OTHERS PRESENT: Sherry Houston (System Administrator), Kay Kloppenborg (Administrative Assistant), Mary Nelson (NLC Commissioner), Beth Bohling (Superior), Sharon Bohling (McCook Senior High), Judy Henning (Kearney Public Schools), Jane Hilton (Elwood Public), Peggy Lipker (Superior Public Library), Claudette Wielechowski (Adams Middle School/North Platte Public Schools)

ABSENT: Sonja Burpo, Nancy Cantin

PRIOR TO THE MEETING: Thank you to Sherry and Kay for providing rolls and beverages and great door prizes packed in really, really noisy bags.

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL: President Judy Grandstaff called the meeting to order and made introductions at 9:35 a.m. Visitors were welcomed and roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2008 meeting was made by Laura Cundiff and seconded by Norma Dannatt. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Sherry presented the financial reports. She shared plans for end-of-fiscal-year purchases. The Edward Jones account is in a 6-month CD earning 3.1% interest. Following discussion, the financial reports were filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: Two thank you notes from scholarship winners were shared.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: *[A detailed copy of the administrator's report is in each board member's packet.]* Sherry highlighted portions of her report, including Ben Mikaelson's author visit to Nebraska (many thanks to the Nebraska Library Commission for funding his visit!) and the PLA bus trip to Minnesota, where Nebraska was well represented.

OLD BUSINESS

One Book/One State: Discussion was held regarding this year's selection. Sherry presented the Nebraska Center for the Book's One Book/One State selection plan. Any group in the state may nominate and submit a title as long as it has a Nebraska connection (paperback availability is a plus). A Center for the Book subcommittee will narrow the choices and the entire group will make the final selection. Mary Nelson promises to bring **The Book of Spam** to next meeting.

Board Meetings 2008-2009: Handouts listing meetings were given to board members.

Wii Grant: The loan agreement for the Nintendo Wii was amended to remove the sentence "The equipment is to be used for staff training". The agreement was further amended to include a loan period of two weeks with one renewal if no other requests for the equipment have been made. A motion to approve the amended RVLS Loan Agreement for Nintendo Wii was made by Patty Hall and seconded by Tony Anderson. Motion carried, roll call vote. (Voting YES: Anderson, Bonge, Casper, Christensen, Cundiff, Dannatt, Grandstaff, Hall, Johnson, Perrie)

Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of Wiis in libraries and various Wii games and their appeal (including Judy's favorite – cow racing).

Scholarships: Four scholarships for the annual meeting were awarded. Only \$710 was spent this year on scholarships and we will continue to encourage persons to apply for them.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Source: Sherry attended a meeting on May 22 at Bellevue University about Open Source, which is a free development method for software. Nebraska is looking into its potential for a statewide union catalog and may pilot a project with several libraries. There are many issues and questions at this point and Sherry shared pros and cons.

Gates Foundation: Funding will be available for hardware replacement in 2009-2010, most likely on a needs-based basis.

Administrative Assistant's Contract: Kay Kloppenborg is doing an excellent job and will be taking on additional responsibilities in Sherry's absence. Her salary will increase from \$9.50 to \$10.00 per hour. The Administrative Assistant's contract was amended; PTO time is changed from "6.68 hours per month" to "6 hours 45 minutes per month". A motion to approve the amended Administrative Assistant's contract was made by Laura Cundiff and seconded by Vicki Perrie. Motion carried, roll call vote. (Voting YES: Anderson, Bonge, Casper, Christensen, Cundiff, Dannatt, Grandstaff, Hall, Johnson, Perrie)

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Budget 2008-2009: RVLS’s budget for the next fiscal year will increase by 2% + \$500. Sherry explained the proposed budget and answered questions. A motion to approve the budget for 2008-2009 was made by Vicki Perrie and seconded by Norma Dannatt. Motion carried, roll call vote. (Voting YES: Anderson, Bonge, Casper, Christensen, Cundiff, Dannatt, Grandstaff, Hall, Johnson, Perrie)

Value of a Library: Mary Nelson shared a graphic representation of the value of a library as created by Pam Soreide, Holdrege Area Public Library.

Administrator’s Resignation: Sherry has submitted her resignation effective July 1. She has offered to work through July 11 and that offer has been gratefully accepted. A motion was made by Laura Cundiff and seconded by Terri Johnson to accept the resignation of Sherry Houston – but only with deep regret and much reluctance. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned, 10:46 a.m.

Suzann Christensen, Recording Secretary

Republican Valley Library System Annual Meeting

June 6, 2008 11:00 a.m.

Hastings Museum Hastings NE 68901

Welcome/Call to Order/Introduction of Attendees: President Judy Grandstaff called the 2008 annual meeting of the general membership of the Republican Valley Library System to order at 11:04 a.m. with 35 persons in attendance. Introductions were made.

Minutes of the 2007-2008 Annual Meeting: Following their reading, a motion was made by Terri Johnson and seconded by Norma Dannatt to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2007 annual meeting. Motion carried.

Adoption of the 2008-2009 Budget: Judy Grandstaff explained the proposed 2008-2009 budget. A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Vicki Perrie and seconded by Jane Hilton. Motion carried.

NEMA Representative: Judy Henning, NEMA President, distributed “Save the Date” cards for the 2008 NLA/NEMA Conference to be held in Lincoln on October 15-17, 2008. The keynote speaker on Friday will be Kent Haruf, author of **Plainsong**.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members: Sherry presented gifts to outgoing board members Norma Dannatt and Vicki Perrie.

Introduction of Board Nominees/Nominations from the Floor/Election of New Board Members: A ballot with four names was distributed and nominees were introduced. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Deb Jameson and seconded by Laura Cundiff to declare the slate of nominees be elected by acclamation. Motion carried with one dissenting vote. The new members to the RVLS Board are Sylvia Person, Holdrege; Jane Hilton, Elwood Public Library, Elwood; Nancy Sherwood Auld Public Library, Red Cloud; and Beth Falla, Lied Imperial Public Library, Imperial.

Administrator’s Report: Attendees were thanked for coming. Sherry highlighted the annual report and its statistics. She summarized the past three years and said she has thoroughly enjoyed everything about her job as system administrator (except e-rate). Ending with the quote “I always believe in leaving the party while it’s still fun”, she received a standing ovation. Judy thanked Sherry for her hard work on behalf of RVLS.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

A wonderful lunch/dinner was prepared by Chef Oren from Central Community College. Rod Wagner shared information from the Nebraska Library Commission. Teresa Hartman and Marie Reidelbach instructed the group on accessing health organization, professional, and support information using resources at the McGoogan Library of Medicine. William Kloefkorn, Nebraska’s State Poet and author of the 2008 One Book/One State selection, entertained us as he spoke about his book **Restoring the Burnt Child**.

Suzann Christensen, Recording Secretary

EXCALIBUR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

The Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association accepts nominations for the Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian. This award honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to his/her local library and to the library profession. The following categories suggest areas in which the nominee may have rendered significant service. Preference will be given to those nominees who have achieved excellence in more than one of these areas:

Development of outstanding service in field(s) of expertise, e.g. reference, children's, technical, administrative.

Involvement in statewide library service.

Record of library leadership in local community, regional area or in the Nebraska Library Association.

Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library.

The nominee must be a member of the Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association. Send a statement of nomination with a description of the nominee's contributions to any Excalibur Nomination Committee member. Supporting letters of nomination and other materials may also be submitted with nomination. Deadline for nominations is August 1.

Person Nominated _____

Library and Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Nominated By _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Send nomination forms by August 1 to:
2008 Excalibur Award Committee:
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ddowner@geringlibrary.org
(308) 436-7433
Gering Public Library
1055 P Street
Gering, NE 69341



REPUBLICAN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM
LOAN AGREEMENT FOR NINTENDO Wii

The Nebraska Regional Library Systems received an LSTA Grant to purchase Nintendo Wii to use for training demonstrations and loan to libraries. System members may borrow the console and game discs at no cost. The library that borrows the game system is responsible for its return. The Loan period is for 2 weeks. One renewal is allowed if there is not a waiting list.

Scheduling will be done on a sign-up basis. Although the System Office will provide routine maintenance, the borrower is financially responsible for loss or damage. If the equipment is mailed, it must be insured for \$400. Borrower is responsible for shipping and insurance changes.

Package includes:

- Nintendo game console
- Vertical stand and stand plate
- Sensor bar
- 2 Nun chucks
- 2 Remotes
- AC Adapter cord
- AV Cable
- Operations Manual - System Setup Manual
- Operations Manual - Channel and Setting Manual
- Wii Sports Game Disc and instruction booklet
- Wii Okami Game Disc and instruction booklet
- Wii Pinball Hall of Fame Game Disc and instruction booklet
- Wii Super Mario Galaxy Game Disc and instruction booklet
- Wii Mario Kart Game Disc, Wheel, and instruction booklet
- Travel tub

Borrower's name: _____

Library: _____

Address: _____

Contact phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I have read and agree to comply with this policy:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Loan period: _____

Approved by the Republican Valley Library System Board 6/06/08

Chinese Proverb



**“A book is like a
garden carried in
the pocket.”**



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