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SERVICES AVAILABLE

@ your library™

By Mary Reiman, Lincoln Public Schools

Twenty-one school library media specialists and public librarians from the Republican Valley Library System attended the joint NEMA/RVLS SERVICES AVAILABLE @ your library™ workshop on June 7th in the North Platte High School Media Center.

The five sessions included Shannon Behrhorst's (Nebraska Library Commission) presentation of the new and improved features of NebraskACCESS. There are many useful promotional materials in the Librarian's Toolbox.

Kathy Schultz, children's librarian at Hastings Public Library, presented the 2004-2005 Golden Sower books and talked about the stories.

Dave Oertli, coordinator of Talking Books and Braille Services, shared information on the many resources available from this service through the Nebraska Library Commission.

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Marty Magee, Nebraska Education Liaison for the National Library of Medicine, led participants on a tour of information resources available on government websites.



Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award

The Beginning Professional Award is a cash prize sponsored by Houchen Bindery. It is awarded by NLA's New Members Round Table Section to a beginning librarian or media specialist who has made significant contributions to library and/or media services in the early stages of his/her career. For complete details and nomination form (deadline August 15, 2004), go to <http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/NMRT/houchen.html>

**The next RVLS
Board Meeting will
be held Friday,
September 17,
2004, 10 am, at
the Republican
Valley Library
System, 2727 West
2nd Street, #233,
Hastings.**



Statewide Umbrella Movie Public Performance Rights License



The Nebraska Library Commission has obtained a statewide umbrella movie public performance rights license to ALL public libraries. Movie Licensing USA will send out certificates of the license to all public libraries with a newsletter "talking" about ways to integrate movies and programming into libraries. The license will cover the timeframe of July 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. For more information, please contact Pam Scott, Nebraska Library Commission, pscott@nlc.state.ne.us or 800-307-2665.

SERVICES AVAILABLE (Continued from page 1)

The Migrant Resource Center in Hastings has a huge selection of resources available for libraries to check out. Julie Nash, Resource Center Specialist, provided details on the many services available and explained how to apply to borrow the numerous items.

Even though she was the last presenter of the day, Marty Magee, Nebraska Education Liaison for the National Library of Medicine, kept participants involved in her presentation by sharing the wide variety of free information available through many of the government websites. Drawings for prizes were held throughout Marty's presentation.

The workshop was an excellent opportunity for school library media specialists and public librarians to gain information on more resources available for their patrons. It was a great collaborative effort between NEMA (Nebraska Educational Media Association) and RVLS. Thank you to Patty Birch for hosting the workshop and to all those involved in the planning.

Editor's Note: A huge thanks to Mary Reiman, too, for her considerable efforts in making this workshop a smashing success!



RVLS NEWS

Ruskin Public Library's phone number is 402-226-2000 and its email address is ruskinpubliclibrary@hotmail.com

Darlene Brumbaugh, Brumbaugh Public Library (Glenvil), has a new email address: darbrumbaugh@hotmail.com

The **Nebraska Regional Library Systems** and the **Nebraska Library Commission** sponsored a booth at the League of Nebraska Municipalities 2004 Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference in Kearney, June 24-25. **Meridian Library System** Administrator **Sharon Osenga** and RVLS-area Commissioner **Mary Nelson** are pictured



below staffing the booth.

Hastings Public Library Friends Coordinator Fe Cogley reported that its annual book sale, held July 9-11, netted a fantastic \$13,062.28, but added that,



“When we measure success, we go beyond the dollars — we count the many friends we made and

the thousands of books we recycled to new readers. It was a great weekend in many respects.” The theme of the sale was “Book Sale Supreme,” which was complemented by a variety of special attractions including a pizza-shaped bookmark making session for children, who received coupons to a local pizzeria. Congratulations on a successful event!

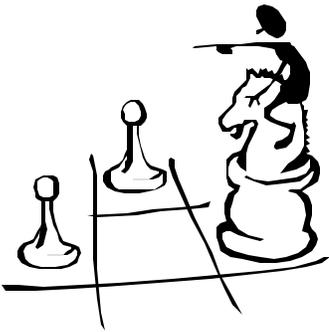


Send us news of your latest programs, projects, and accomplishments at rvlsasst@tcgcs.com or call 800-569-4961.

Mentor of the Year Award

The NLA New Members Round Table Mentor of the Year Award goes to an individual who has aided significantly in the professional development of librarians, media specialists or library staff and, by example, has influenced their careers. If you know someone who has: had extraordinary influence on the professional development of one or more junior staff members, encouraged development of staff in professional endeavors, provided strong leadership, and set a good example of professional involvement, then you know someone who deserves the Mentor of the Year Award.

Nominations are due no later than August 15, 2004. Find a printable form and submission instructions at <http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/NMRT/mentor.html>



Attention Conference Goers!

Grab your calendars
and mark the
following dates:

The Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Educational Media Association invite you to attend "Virtual Places, Physical Spaces - Nebraska Libraries Now", October 6-8, 2004, at the joint NLA/NEMA 2004 conference to be held at the Holiday Inn Midtown and Howard Johnson Riverside Inn in Grand Island Nebraska. Visit the conference web site at: <www.papillion.ne.us/~NLA2004/> for more information.

It's Your Move

The **Association of American Publishers** have an array of **celebrity posters** that promote reading. Schools and Libraries may order up to 12 "Get Caught Reading" celebrity posters free with \$5 shipping/handling fee. Order posters at

<<http://www.getcaughtreading.org/celebrityposters.htm>>.

Teachers and librarians may also buy an **assortment of items** such as book/author activity kits and bookmarks from Penguin Putnam. The items are free for the price of postage. Find out what's currently being offered at <<http://www.penguinputnam.com/static/packages/us/yreaders-new/tl-freestuff.html>>.

Find links to most all of the online Nebraska Public Library catalogs at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/librarycatalogs.html>

NCES' Compare Public Libraries allows users to compare one library, the "library of interest," with a group of similar libraries, "the comparison group." For example, a user may wish to compare one library's total circulation with the total circulation of a group of libraries with similar total expenditures. This tool has a new look and it has been updated with 2002 data. To use this application, please visit: <<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/publicpeer/>>.

Take a Look

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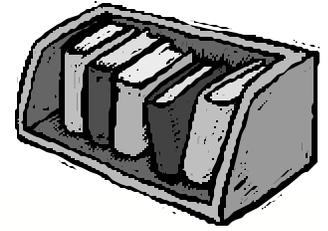
Siobhan Blackwell, Regional Medical Library Coordinator for the Health Sciences Library at Creighton University, suggests that you take a look at this online document:

<<http://ehrweb.aaas.org/PDF/ChallengePubLibraries.pdf>>.

The publication, "Challenges of Providing Consumer Health Information Services in Public Libraries," is available for printing. The booklet includes discussion of seven key findings; chapter headings are:

1. Health information in libraries is valuable.
2. Health information is written for a level above those who use it.
3. Libraries are important health information providers.
4. Experienced librarians provide valuable lessons.
5. Regional networks provide health information.
6. Health care libraries also provide valuable information.
7. Resources offered by government agencies.

On the Bookshelf



The following item has been recently added to the RVLS Professional Collection:

- ◆ *The New Planning for Results: A Streamlined Approach*, by Sandra Nelson (Public Library Association, 2001).

If you would like to borrow this item, 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.



Nebraska Libraries for the Centuries

By Beth Goble, Nebraska Library Commission

Nebraska Libraries for the Centuries, located at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/nelibrariescenturies.html>, is a new Library Commission web site devoted to Nebraska library history. Nebraska has a long tradition of library service, beginning with military post libraries and continuing with literary society libraries founded during Territorial times, women's club libraries, Carnegie libraries, college and school libraries, and the modern libraries of today. The Nebraska Library Commission Archives, located at the Nebraska Library Commission, house materials about the history and operations of the Commission and the libraries it has served since the agency's creation in 1901. The collection includes Commission reports, newsletters, documents, photographs and artifacts. Some of these materials have been digitized. Others are available for research use onsite. As more materials are digitized ***Nebraska Libraries for the Centuries*** will add more links to the ones listed below.

Library Commission History

History <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/history.html>

Centennial 1901-2001 <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/centennial/index.html> A decade-by-decade snapshot of the Commission and Nebraska Libraries created for the Commission's centennial celebration.

Biennial Reports <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/biennialreports.html>

Nebraska Library History

Carnegie Libraries (coming soon)

Nebraska Library History Web Sites <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/historywebsites.html>

Nebraska Library Photographs <http://www.unl.edu/ImageColl/36443056/>

Posted by the UNL College of Architecture Library. Most are Carnegie buildings.

Nebraska Public Library Founding Dates <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/libraryfoundingdates.html>

Questions regarding use of materials in the Nebraska Library Commission archives should be directed to Beth Goble, Government Information Services Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N. St., Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023. Telephone 402-471-4017, email [<bgoble@nlc.state.ne.us>](mailto:bgoble@nlc.state.ne.us).





Mark Your Calendars...

for the Nebraska Regional Library Systems' 2004 Pre-Conference to NLA/NEMA, "Ways to Construct an Evaluation," on October 6th from 10am to 3pm. Lynn Bradman, Ph.D. Student at ISU and Social Science Instructor for Metro Community College in Omaha, will be our presenter. Lynn will provide you with the best practices in constructing an evaluation. Information will be useful for program evaluations, long range planning and for staff evaluations. We hope to see you on October 6th. More information to follow.

RVLS Calendar

August 2004

3—Database Roadshow 2004, North Platte Community College, 601 W. State Farm Road, North Platte.

September 2004

9—Regional Library Systems' Board Training, UNK.

10—Nebraska Library Commissioner's Meeting, 9:30-12:30, Nebraska Library Commission.

17—RVLS Board Meeting, 10a.m., System office.

17-18—Thirteenth Annual Nebraska Book Festival, www.unk.edu/acad/english/nebraskabookfestival/home.html

October 2004

6-8—NLA/NEMA Joint Conference, Grand Island, NE. Find details at <http://www.papillion.ne.us/~NLA2004/>.

6—Regional Library Systems' 2004 Pre-Conference—see details on left sidebar!

6—Hispanic Voices @ your library™ Preconference, 9-4:45, Holiday Inn Midtown, Grand Island. For more information or to register, contact Janet Greser, jgreser@nlc.state.ne.us.

7—NLA/NEMA Banquet and 50s Style Sock Hop. See page 7

17-23—Teen Read Week, IT'S ALIVE!@your library™, www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/teenstopten.htm

20-24—Mountain Plains Library Association and Colorado Association of Libraries Conference, Denver, www.cal-webs.org/#25. For information on participating in an MPLA road trip, see insert in June 2004 VALLEYTALK or call the RVLS office.

November 2004

4—Read Aloud Nebraska Presents Mem Fox, Peter Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnum Street. More information to follow in next newsletter. Contact Mark Claussen, mclausse@npsne.org for more information RIGHT NOW!



Come see the King! The King of Rock 'n Roll that is!
Elvis will swivel his hips, come swivel yours at

The Nebraska Regional Library Systems
sponsoring the
NLA/NEMA

Banquet and '50's Style Sock Hop



Thursday, October 7th

6:30-9:30 p.m.

Grand/Governor's/Executive, Holiday Inn
\$20

Good Golly, Miss Molly! Don't Be Cruel, Dream Along with Me while listening to the library band, the Bookends, play a couple of familiar hits.

Then Rock Around the Clock and skin the cat with a DJ who will have you yelling Great Balls of Fire and Do You Wanna Dance?

Eventually though we'll have to say Goodnight, Irene and get ready for Friday's sessions.

Dress to impress in your fifties finery to participate in best-dressed and dance contests. There will be a cash bar.

Register at: www.2004nla-nemaconference.info on the registration form or see the Fall issue of NLAQ.

Congratulations to Scholarship Winners!



Nixon Scholarships (\$1,000)

- ◆ Jane Raglin Holt, Lincoln East High School
- ◆ Karen Frizzell, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
- ◆ Kathy Jacobs, South Sioux City Public Library



Duane Munson Scholarship (\$250)

Elizabeth Wilcox, graduate of UNO and continuing at the
University of Missouri-Columbia

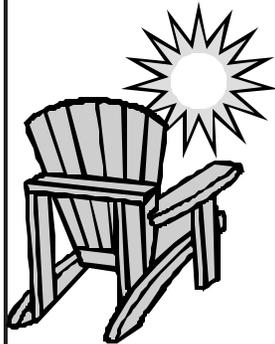
Congratulations to all of you on a job well done and good luck with your studies!

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We hope you are enjoying your summer—it's going by too quickly! Get a head start on planning by reserving storykits, books on tape kits, and the Ellison machine for your school-year needs! Go to

www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican/storykits.html,
www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican/booksmove.html,
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