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THINGS CHANGE – THINGS REMAIN THE SAME

That may be a trite phrase, but while some things change they do remain the same. The Republican Valley Library System is changing the name and face of the person that represents it right now, but it remains the same vital institution that has served members for more than 25 years.

The Central Library Network, a voluntary group of libraries and librarians with no budget and no structure, was one of the seeds that became the present state-wide regional library systems. The original Board members envisioned a cooperative group that would assist libraries of all types. Boy, has that original mission grown to include projects and programs that could not have been imagined decades ago. We began by stretching local budgets with co-op purchasing and now offer consultation and training on technology and e-rate, loans of audio on CD's and game stations!

During that same time there have been six very different individuals representing RVLS as the System Administrator. All of them brought a variety of skills and strengths to the libraries in Southern Nebraska. The first paid System Administrator (part-time) was Bev Russell, who is now the Director of the Scottsbluff

Public Library. Our most recent has been the versatile and dynamic Sherry Houston, who has returned to the world of schools and children's services. A little known fact to many of you: I even worked as the System Administrator for a few years in the 1980's. While we, on the Board, search for a new Administrator who has all the qualities of a talented librarian, psychologist, techno-geek, reference specialist, bureaucrat, money manager, innovator, road warrior and charming person the RVLS will continue.

Be patient, have a sense of humor and remember we are trying - we have the abilities of our very fine Administrative Assistant, Kay Kloppenborg, and the RVLS Board to carry us through this transition period and I'm sure we will come out on the other end still RVLS with another name and face to ably represent us.



Judy Grandstaff, President, RVLS Board

2008 GROW Books available at a store near you

GROW Nebraska proudly announces the availability of its full-color *2008 GROW Book*, a directory of 252 members. The book includes Nebraska entrepreneurs and their unique products, as well as location information for GROW Nebraska retail stores and the products carried there. This 64-page publication was designed, written and printed entirely in Nebraska.

Janell Anderson Ehrke, GROW Nebraska director, said the main purpose of the *GROW Book* is to fully inform consumers and wholesale buyers about the abundance of Nebraska designed and created products.

"We truly want to build an entrepreneurial brand for Nebraska and set a precedent that Nebraska is the entrepreneurial headquarters," Ehrke said.

The *GROW Book* can be ordered online at <http://www.grownebraska.org/> for \$4.95. Customers also can get a free copy with a \$25 purchase at all GROW retail stores. Ehrke hopes this provides an incentive for customers to visit these venues, the newest being the GROW Store in the Hilltop Mall, Kearney. Other retailers include:

- Frankie & Annette's Made in Nebraska Shop, Stromsburg
- Americana Plus-My Fair Lady's Fashions, Holdrege
- Thiele Pharmacy & Gifts, Alliance
- From Nebraska Gift Shop, Lincoln
- David M. Mangelsen's, Omaha

- Style Plus, West Point
- Sunflowers 'N' Sage, White Clay
- Online Cool Gifts, Norfolk
- Hogeland Market, Alma
- OK Café, Hastings
- Curtis Flowers, Curtis
- Buckboard Trading Post, Stamford
- A Collective Gathering, Potter
- A Perfect Gift, Hastings
- Graham Gallery, Hastings
- Tislet & Taskets. . . Gift Baskets, North Platte
- The Great Platte River Road Archway, Kearney

Since 1998, the nonprofit GROW Nebraska has focused on maximizing the state's entrepreneurial spirit and focused on building Nebraska businesses globally by providing sustainable business environments through marketing, education, business building services and access to markets. To learn more about GROW Nebraska or Nebraska entrepreneurs, visit their website at: <file:///F:/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.Outlook/HL2EX1DP/www.grownebraska.com>



ISTE Publishes Updated Technology Standards for Teachers

- The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) has published the second edition of the "National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers." The new, 24-page edition incorporates the need for basic technology competence while also addressing the pedagogical skills and knowledge teachers need to lead and support effective student learning in an increasingly digital society. While traditional literacy skills are important, students and teachers must master a host of new skills in order to become successful global citizens. This refreshed version of the standards addresses those concepts and concerns.

First published in 2000, the National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers (NETS*T) introduced ISTE's technology standards for teachers and included profiles for each stage of teacher education from general preparation through first-year teaching.

The second edition includes the following features:

- *The full text of the revised NETS*T
- * Performance indicators
- * Profiles, examples and conditions

Visit <http://www.iste.org/> to learn more about ISTE and its new initiatives -- including the next generation of NETS for Students, Teachers and Administrators.



RVLS NEWS

RVLS Board Secretary, **Suzann Christensen** is the Media Specialist at the newly constructed **Hastings Middle School**. Suzann has worked very hard this summer getting the library moved.



In July, Suzann graciously took time to give a tour of the new building to Sherry Houston and LaVila VanBoening, retired elementary librarian from Hastings Public Schools,

Adjacent to Suzann's library is the new computer lab (pictured below) at Hastings Middle School.



Linda Morris recently retired as Director at **Perkins County High School** in Grant. **Sally Borowski** formerly with **Hastings Memorial Library** at Grant will be the new Para at the High School. We congratulate Linda on her retirement and wish Sally well in her new job.

Trenton Public Library has relocated to Main Street in Trenton. They have renovated the former VFW building. Their new location is more convenient than their old location and much LARGER.

The goals the library was trying to achieve for more than a year were to increase space and a main street location. These goals were achieved with the recently completed move and the library reopening on August 13th.

Their new address is:
406 Main Street
Trenton, NE 69044

Hastings Public Library's children's area is undergoing some renovation. As evidenced by their smiles, these four children enjoy using the new table and chair sets.



The checkout area at Hastings Public Library has a new look too, with corkboard attached to the wall behind the new purple topped counters and cabinet.



"Happiness is like a butterfly, which, when pursued, is always, just beyond your grasp, but which, if you sit down quietly, may alight upon you."

...Nathaniel

Hawthorne



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.

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

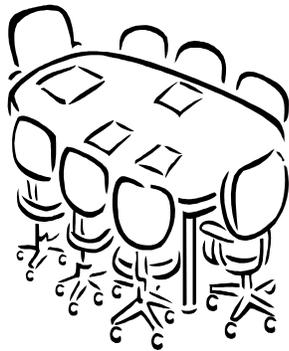
September 15, 2008: Central Community College, Hastings—Sherrie Dux-Ideus

We have added some new dies to the Ellison. They are:

Crayon	Fish Hook	Manatee	Palette
Tiny Crayons	Tiny Fish	Tragedy Mask	Pelican
Crayon Box	Fishing Pole	Paintbrush #1	Open Scissors

Also check out the RVLS' newest Audiobooks and Booksets (page 6).

2008-2009 RVLS Board Meetings



CHANGE

Friday, September 19, 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!



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It's Your Move



Basic Skills Public Administration will be held at **North Platte Public Library**, 120 West 4th Street North Platte, NE 69101-3993
Cecelia Lawrence, Director of North Platte Public Library will be teaching the class. The classes will be held on:

Oct. 30, 2008

Nov. 6, 2008

Nov. 13, 2008

The classes will start at 10:00 am and end at 3:00 pm with an hour for lunch.

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Northeast Library System has created a blog for gamers so if you have tried out some games that you liked or have borrowed the Wii's from the System, go to:

www.nrlsgaming.blogspot.com and leave a comment about your experiences.

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When you are making your plans for travel to the NLA/NEMA Conference, plan to stay a little longer in Lincoln and attend the **Nebraska Book Festival, October 17-18.**

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Nebraska will be hosting its first annual **"Money Smart Week."** The Nebraska Financial Education Coalition is coordinating this state wide event November 10 – 16 and planning is well under way. The Nebraska Council on Economic Education is heading the coordination of this project. They are hoping for a large collaborative effort among Nebraska's libraries, churches, Chambers of Commerce, banks, credit unions, schools, non-profits and any entity that has a vested interest in the financial education of Nebraskans to participate.

Your participation could include any of the following: setting up

table displays dedicated to financial literacy that week, hosting workshops/events dedicated to the topic, or it could be a bigger event of your choice. We will be getting bookmarks in August with the back of them blank if the Library would like to print anything on them for November.

The Governor has agreed to sign a proclamation designating **November as Economic and Financial Education Month** and November 10-16 as Money Smart Week. This has the makings to be a successful event, but it will only be successful if there is participation from every region of the state. You are encouraged to visit the Money Smart Nebraska website at www.moneysmartnebraska.org and consider your involvement. By becoming a partner in this initiative, your information will be shared with others.

In the face of an economic downturn, financial literacy is even more important for people to maximize their earning potential, offset higher costs of living and ensure fruitful retirements. Please join to ensure a brighter tomorrow for all Nebraskans.

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Read Aloud Nebraska is again helping to coordinate statewide involvement in the **"What Book Got You Hooked?"** campaign offered by the First Book National Book Bank. The cam-

aign again asks individuals to vote for the book that got them "hooked" on reading as a child. Not only will the top favorites as voted on by participants be revealed in September, but 50,000 FREE, NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS will again be sent to the state casting the most votes during the campaign which began TODAY and ends September 15th! Nebraska finished a close second to Oklahoma in last year's "What Book Got You Hooked?" campaign - narrowly missing out on these books for our children. **With your help, we can see that Nebraska children benefit from our efforts this year!** To participate, individuals need only log on to the "What Book Got You Hooked?" website at <http://www2.firstbook.org/whatbook/>, indicate your favorite book and cast a vote for Nebraska. The whole process takes no more than a couple of minutes. It appears that this year's campaign allows you to vote more than once per day so VOTE NOW and VOTE OFTEN to ensure that Nebraska children receive the free books!

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Nebraska's public libraries are invited to apply for **WiFi Connectivity Grants**, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to put WiFi into as many as 75 public libraries without such access. A WiFi router and a choice of portable computers will be provided to successful applicants to enable them to provide wireless Internet access in the library itself to their customers. Applications (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/wifigrant>) are due no later than 2 September 2008. Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian, is heading up this project as part of the Nebraska Library Commission's effort to make 2008, "the year of WiFi in Nebraska."

For questions contact Michael Sauers at 800-307-2665 or 402-471-3106, or Richard Miller at 800-307-2665 or 402-471-3175.



On the Bookshelf



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

Books on CD

Belong to Me by Marisa de los Santos

Cathedral & the Bazaar: Musings on Linux & open Source by an Accidental Revolutionary by Eric S. Raymond

Hold Tight by Harlan Coben

The Host by Stephanie Meyer

Natural Born Charmer by Susan Elizabeth Phillips

Tallgrass by Sandra Dallas

When You are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris

The Yiddish Policemens Union by Michael Chabon

Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata

Fearless 14 by Janet Evanovich

Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs

Jazz With Books by Walter Dean Myers

The New Inquisition: Understanding & Managing Intellectual Freedom Challenges by James Larue

The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox by Maggie O'Farrell



Booksets Available from RVLS

Title	Author	# Copies	Grade Level	Audio-Book
The Book Thief	Marcus Zusack	20	9th-Adult	Yes
City of Ember	Jeanne DuPrau	20	5th-8th	Yes
Crazy Horse	Mari Sandoz	18	Adult	No
Eagle Blue	Michael D'orso	20	10th—Adult	No
Elijah of Buxton	Christopher Paul Curtis	20	3rd—7th	No
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan	20	4th—9th	Yes
Hattie Big Sky	Kirby Larson	20	7th—12th	Yes
Heat	Mike Lipica	20	4th—7th	Yes
Holes	Louis Sachar	20	5th—9th	Yes
My Dog May Be a Genius (poetry)	Jack Prelutsky	20	K—5th	No
One False Move	Alex Kava	12	Adult	No
Re-Gifters	Mike Carey	16	7th—12th	No
Rescue Josh McGuire	Ben Mikaelson	15	4th-6th	No
Restoring the Burnt Child	William Kloefkorn	10	Adult	Yes
Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie	David Lubar	20	7th—12th	Yes
Stranded	Ben Mikaelson	20	4th-6th	No
Touching Spirit Bear	Ben Mikaelson	17	5th—8th	No

NBA Legend Library Card Sign-up Month



The American Library Association (ALA) is pleased to announce that **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, the NBA's all-time leading scorer and a **prolific author**, has been named honorary chair of Library Card Sign-up Month.

Held in September, Library Card Sign-up Month is a time to remind parents and children that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

Abdul-Jabbar began his association with the ALA earlier this year, when he was selected by ALA President Loriene Roy to be the keynote speaker for the President's Program at the 2008 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia.

The master of the sky hook, the 7-foot-2-inch Abdul-Jabbar led UCLA to three consecutive NCAA titles and the Milwaukee Bucks and the Los Angeles Lakers to six NBA championships. But Abdul-Jabbar's achievements go far beyond the court. He has written several books, including **"On the Shoulders of Giants: My Journey Through the Harlem Renaissance"**; **"Giant Steps"**; **"Black Profiles in Courage"**; **"A Season on a Reservation"**; and **"Brothers in Arms."** Four of his books reached best-seller lists.

Abdul-Jabbar said, "The library has always been my own personal time machine. I can walk through the doors and land in any place, any time period in history. I didn't have to wonder what their worlds were like; I could experience it firsthand."

Abdul-Jabbar is featured in his own READ poster at the ALA store. To order, click http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog&pn=product_detail&op=2541.

For more information on Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, go to his Web site, <http://www.kareemabduljabbar.com/>.

Library Card Sign-up Month was launched in 1987. Since then, thousands of public and school libraries join each fall in a national effort to ensure every child does just that. Free tools to help libraries promote Library Card Sign-up Month are available at www.ala.org/librarycardsignup.

RVLS Calendar



August—2008

22, 29— Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records, North Platte

September

19— Monographic Copy Cataloging, North Platte

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

30— Basic Skills Class, North Platte Public Library

November 2008

6— Basic Skills Class, North Platte Public Library

10-16— Money Smart Week (See Page 6—It's Your Move)

11— Veteran's Day

13— Basic Skills Class, North Platte Public Library

27-28— Thanksgiving Holiday

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

NLA/NEMA 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE STIPEND

In keeping with **Biblionix's** devotion to small- and medium-sized public libraries, we are offering six \$150 travel stipends for attendance at the 2008 conference of The Nebraska Library Association / Nebraska Educational Media Association (NLA/NEMA) in Lincoln, Nebraska. The conference will be held October 15-17, 2008. A single stipend is allocated to each of Nebraska's six library systems. Each administrator will choose a single recipient among applicants from her system. Eligibility requirements are:

- ◇ Library director or staff at a small- or medium-sized public library
- ◇ Member of NLA (current or new)

The funds can be used to cover the following expenses:

- Conference Registration
- Pre-Conference workshop(s)
- Travel costs (car, hotel)
- NLA Membership
- Meal functions at the conference
- Expenses (meals, cabs, etc.)
- Cost of replacement staff if needed

Requirements are:

- Attend 2 of the 3 days of NLA/NEMA conference and pre-conference
- Attend either the NLA business meeting or your section business meeting
- After the conference, complete a summary (one-page or less) of your experience, discussing highlights of what you did, what was most rewarding, and how this grant process could be improved. Send to the same address as the grant submittal by October 31, 2008.

Recognition:

Coverage (including recipient's name, position, and library) in NLA, Nebraska Library Systems, and Biblionix communications.

Schedule:

- 08/22/08 5PM: The application must be received no later than this date/time.
- 08/29/08: Notification/Announcement of Recipient
- 09/5/08: Stipend check mailed to Recipient

The stipend application does not register you for the conference or make any other travel reservations. Attendees must register directly with the NLA, NLA/NEMA 2008 Annual Conference, hotel, etc.

Application on page 10

NLA/NEMA 2008 Annual Conference Travel Stipend / Grant Application

Library Name: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Title _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

1) Answer the following questions in a brief narrative:

- A. Describe your position with the public library.

- B. What year did you last attend an NLA/NEMA conference or would this be your first NLA/NEMA conference?

- C. What would you hope to gain by attending the NLA/NEMA Conference? 

- D. How would attending the conference help you better serve your library; your community?

2. Describe briefly how you plan to spend the stipend.

3. Provide one letter of support for you to attend the conference (from your City Manager, County Judge, Chair of Governing Board, or your supervisor).

_____ Applicant's Signature

Submit this completed, application with required supporting document to:
Republican Valley Library System
E-mail: rvtasst@inebraska.com
2727 West 2nd Street Suite 233
Hastings, NE 68901
Fax 402-462-1974



Educators struggle with AUP enforcement

As technology becomes pivotal to instruction, restricting students' access gets trickier
By Laura Devaney, Senior Editor, eSchool News

Debates over school acceptable-use policies are focusing on whether technology access is a right or a privilege.

School districts create acceptable-use policies (AUPs) to define what is--and is not--acceptable behavior when using their computer resources. But at a time when computers and internet access are seen as increasingly important tools for instruction, many school leaders are struggling with how best to enforce these policies in the event that students transgress them.

Used to be, there was a simple answer: School leaders took away or restricted a student's computer access. But a movement growing in schools today says taking away a student's access to technology is akin to denying that student valuable learning opportunities--and so many school leaders are now searching for better alternatives.

Students are sophisticated technology users and often surpass the proficiency of teachers, said Jeanne Biddle, technology director for Kentucky's Scott County Schools, which has 13 schools and about 8,000 students.

Biddle's district has filtering systems in place to shield kids from inappropriate internet content, and its IT team works with students to help them understand how to keep safe online and practice responsible digital citizenship, she said.

Most students comply with the district's AUP, but others view it as a challenge to their technical expertise and will try to violate the policy by finding ways around the district's filtering systems, Biddle said.

Biddle and her team worked with the Kentucky School Boards Association to develop an AUP that demonstrates expectations for network use and what the consequences are if students use the district's network inappropriately.

Still, there are some drawbacks to the AUP as it's now written. "One issue we have is that it has no teeth," Biddle said. "If a student does something inappropriate, do we take away internet access? Would you take a book away from a student if the student wrote in it?"

Biddle said her district is considering other disciplinary measures to confront AUP violations, hoping to address the problem without restricting students' access to learning materials.

It's a challenge about which more discussion "is desperately needed" among school leaders, said Bob Kehr, director of technology for California's Davis Joint Unified School District.

"There needs to be more collaboration and shared knowledge between school administrators responsible for disciplinary decisions and those with enterprise-level technical and security knowledge," Kehr said.

"Installing a keystroke logging program on the teacher's laptop is not the same as using an encrypted proxy to get around [a district's internet] filter--and I don't believe the appropriate discipline for either of these would be to remove internet privileges."

Kehr noted that AUP violations can include much more than inappropriate internet use; they can include such activities as hacking into school system databases or using cell phones to take pictures of other students without their knowledge (such as in locker rooms).

Other educators said they've put students who violated their district's AUP on non-networked machines, such as older laptops or desktops, to complete coursework.

Lori Minnis, technology coordinator for Montana's Cut Bank School District 15, recently discovered that several high school students had violated the district's AUP in varying ways.

"I have to say that it really opened our eyes when it actually came down to the lack of specifics detailed in our AUP" about how to deal with those behaviors, she said. The district has since written more details about enforcement into its policy.

Cut Bank students must sign an agreement accepting the district's AUP, and those students found guilty of violations lost their network or computer privileges or both for varying amounts of time--some for the remainder of the school year--as determined by the school's principal.

"Ultimately, the high school tech teachers had to develop alternative assignments for these students," Minnis said.

Educators struggle with AUP enforcement—continued

Teachers also came up with a plan to give the students computer access without putting them on the network.

"They...opted to set up stand-alone computers so [the students] could complete assignments. This virtually took away from the chance that the student would violate the AUP again," she said.

Because the incidents involved about a dozen students, Minnis said they prompted a "tremendous discussion" among district staff.

"Many felt that we needed to determine whether the use of technology is a privilege or a right in [students'] education," she said. "No matter what, we are entering new territory in student discipline issues and how to handle them."

Links:

[Scott County Schools](#); [Davis Joint Unified School District](#); [Cut Bank School District 15](#)

How to handle student AUP violations

Here are links to the AUPs of the districts mentioned in this story, including excerpts describing the disciplinary actions that educators are encouraged to take in enforcing these policies. An example of an AUP in an institution of higher education is also presented. It should be noted, however, that all three K-12 districts said they are reevaluating these disciplinary measures in light of how important technology has become to instruction.

Scott County Schools

<http://www.dtc.scott.k12.ky.us/technology/aup/index.html>

"Any user who violates the terms and conditions of this Acceptable Use policy will experience immediate degradation of services to 'read only access.' Loss of privileges may continue for a period of up to one (1) calendar year, and/or other disciplinary actions may be enforced as per the discipline policy. The DTC, STC, or Network Director may convert an account to 'read only access' at any time as required. The DTC, STC, or Network Director, in cooperation with the building administrator, must notify the user, and user's parents in case of a minor, in writing within two weeks informing them of the reason for suspension or termination of an account."

Davis Joint USD

<http://www.djUSD.k12.ca.us/district/studentinternet.pdf>

"In the event there is an allegation that a student has violated this policy, the student discipline will be conducted in the manner set forth in the student disciplinary policies and regulations."

Cut Bank School District 15

<http://cutbankschools.net/ms/mywebs/techpolicy.htm>

"All use of electronic networks shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The failure of any user to follow the procedures will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action."

Amherst College

<https://cms.amherst.edu/offices/it/about/policies/acceptable>

"This Policy applies to all persons who access or use the College's E-Resources (referred to in this Policy as 'users'), including without limitation the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and guests. This Policy applies to all information-technology and other electronic resources of the College. E-Resources may be used only for the purposes authorized by the College. These purposes generally comprise work, study, research, service, or student residential activities consistent with the College's mission and priorities... Above all, use of E-Resources for outside or personal purposes is always a privilege, not a right, and may not interfere with use for College purposes. All use of E-Resources must comply with: All College policies, procedures, and codes of conduct, including those found in the student, faculty, and employee handbooks; all laws and regulations applicable to the user or the College; and all relevant licenses and other contractual commitments of the College, as modified from time to time."

Note to readers:

*Don't forget to visit the **Minimizing Classroom Disruptions** resource center. Computers and the internet have become welcome instructional tools in most schools, ushering a wealth of additional resources into today's classrooms. Unfortunately, they also bring with them the potential for unwanted distractions--such as online content that ranges from off-target, to inappropriate, material. Go to: [Minimizing Classroom Disruptions](#)*



COPYRIGHT CONCERNS

By Phyllis Brunken

Copyright Law—Part 4

This article is the fourth part of a six-part series on copyright for educators and public librarians.

Part IV—Book Covers

How may book covers be used without infringement of copyright depends on various factors: is this for instructional purposes, use of first sale doctrine, remain in classroom, or published on the web with or without a password?

Two basic guidelines apply:

1. If the book is owned which includes the book cover, you may use the physical property for display during book talks, on bulletin boards or other presentations.
2. For use of photocopies or digital copies of the book cover contact the publisher for permission to use the book cover or any part of the book.

Some publishers will give permission for educational use on their website or in the copyright notice in their books. Attaching a copy of the permission to the copy of the book cover that is being used or maintaining a file of the permission statements is recommended in the event that the fair use is challenged.

The Random house Permission website (<http://www.randomhouse.com/about/permissions.html>) is an excellent example of the request for permission process. A permission form is available to download or print. Two factors to keep in mind: a. Permission must be requested by mail or fax (rarely email is accepted) and b. Allow sufficient time for the request to be processed.

Students may apply Fair Use in order to include book covers as part of their assigned project whether it is in paper or digital format. A teacher may also apply Fair Use to utilize the book cover when it is used for instructional purposes with students. This is an educational application of Fair Use. The infringement might occur when the presentation is posted on the web and is not password protected. When posting to the web, this constitutes world wide distribution of the copyright protected materials. Whenever the book cover is used, citing the book cover not only includes the author and publisher information but must also include the illustrator and, in some cases, the book cover artist.

For more discussion the of the use of book covers, see *COPYRIGHT CATECHISM* by Carol Simpson, Linworth Publishers, 2005, pages 60, 62, 64, 65, 67, and 69.

Please send an email to me (pbrunken@cox.net) if you want a complete bibliography of my recommended copyright law resources or have a copyright law question. I am not an attorney and this article may not be substituted for legal advice from an attorney well versed in school law and copyright law.

Signed....Phyllis Brunken



Lenders and USDA Rural Development Together Help Shape Rural Communities

Community facilities provide the infrastructure needed to help support rural economic and community activities. Partnering together, USDA Rural Development, lenders and communities can build and maintain a broad range of core essential facilities.

“Residents need a dependable fire truck for protection, a social room to hold functions, a library to promote education and hospitals to ensure quality healthcare,” stated Community Programs Director Denise Brosius-Meeks, USDA Rural Development. “Youth retention as well as attracting people to relocate to the state is difficult if essential community facilities are not in place. It is important that rural areas take a good look into the future and plan for how they will remain vital.”

Examples of essential community facility projects that may be funded with the use of USDA Rural Development’s Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan program are:

- **Cultural and educational facilities**...schools, libraries, art museums, and theaters
- **Transportation facilities**...airports, municipal garages, street improvements, rail, or bus service
- **Recreational facilities**...parks, health clubs, and campgrounds
- **Community health services**...assisted living facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, and medical and vocational rehabilitation centers
- **Community support services**...child or adult day care and business incubators
- **Public buildings and improvements**...including community centers
- **Fire, rescue and public-safety facilities**

The Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan program offers a source of financing to communities through area lenders with Rural Development guaranteeing the bank loan. Program benefits to lenders are:

- The credit enhancement of a 90 percent guarantee on loans made for construction or improvement of essential community facilities
- Reduced credit risk
- Ability to finance specialized community facilities without sufficient collateral
- Salability of guaranteed portion of loan on secondary market, increasing lenders’ return

Bridging the risk from the lack of long term funding contracts by nonprofits and governmental agencies needed to match the loan term required i.e. state may provide one-year contracts for social services year after year, but requested loan term may be 15 or 20 years.

Rural Development programs are flexible, offering below market direct loans or grants in combination with guaranteed loans. This combination financing reduces the overall interest rate, improves cash flows, and in some cases allows for increased financing. Recreation loans are funded under the guaranteed loan program only and are not eligible for such combined financing.

Banks, savings and loan associates, bank-affiliated mortgage companies, farm credit banks, and insurance companies may participate in the guaranteed program.

Municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, nonprofits, and tribal governments are eligible to apply for community facilities programs. Nonprofits are broadly defined-- they must have significant ties to the local rural community, retain a broad membership base, be community member controlled and have articles of incorporation and by-laws. Applicants must possess the legal authority to borrow and repay loans, to pledge security, show financial soundness, and have the capacity to construct, operate, maintain and manage the facilities effectively.

Community facility projects must be located in rural areas with a population of up to 20,000. Lenders should contact their state Rural Development office to determine a community’s eligibility.

USDA Rural Development provides more than \$100 million annually in federal assistance to rural Nebraska in areas of housing, business, community facilities, utilities and energy.

Lenders interested in utilizing the guaranteed loan program should contact Denise Brosius-Meeks at denise.meeks@ne.usda.gov, (402) 437-5559; toll free 800-670-6553. You may also contact a community programs specialist located in Rural Development offices statewide. Visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne to locate the USDA Rural Development office nearest you.





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Haruf to open Nebraska Book Fest Oct. 17

Kent Haruf, award-winning author of four novels set in the High Plains of Colorado, will deliver the keynote address Oct. 17 to open the 2008 Nebraska Book Festival in downtown Lincoln. The 5:30 p.m. address, to be held in the Warner Chamber of the Nebraska State Capitol, is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

Haruf's novel "Plainsong," the 2002 One Book One Lincoln selection, has been featured in at least 10 One Book reading programs throughout the United States. It won the Mountains and Plains Booksellers Award and was a finalist for the National Book Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and The New Yorker Book Award. His novel "The Tie That Binds" received a Whiting Foundation Award and a special citation from the PEN/Hemingway Foundation. His other works include novels "Eventide" and "Where You Once Belonged," and "West of Last Chance," a collaboration with photographer Peter Brown.

Haruf studied and taught literature at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. He's a graduate of the Iowa Writers Workshop, where he studied with John Irving, Vance Bourjaily, and Dan Wakefield. For two years he taught English in Turkey as a member of the Peace Corps. He retired from teaching at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and now lives with his wife, Cathy, outside Sedalia, Colo.

A 6:30 p.m. reception at the Lincoln Woman's Club will follow Haruf's keynote address. The Nebraska Book Festival will continue Oct. 18 with programs for children and adults at the Lincoln Children's Museum, the Nebraska State Historical Society's Museum of Nebraska History, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Culture Center, and other locations near Centennial Mall. Programs include readings, discussions, poetry slams, writing workshops, music, film, food, exhibits and book sales.

For additional information visit www.nebraskabookfestival.org. The Nebraska Book Festival is presented by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Commission, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Secretary of State John Gale. The Nebraska Humanities Council has provided major funding for the festival since its inception as the Nebraska Literature Festival in 1991. The event celebrates Nebraska's literary heritage and promotes the state's growing population of contemporary writers. Other funders include the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Nebraska Arts Council, and the "We the People" initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.





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