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## Featured Librarian: **Sherrie Dux Ideus** **Nuckolls Library—Central Community College**



**Sherrie Dux-Ideus** has been the director of Nuckolls Library at Central Community College Hastings Campus for 6 years. Sherrie lives in Amherst—a mere 70 miles from Hastings, and she drives the distance every day. She likes living in Amherst where she can raise chickens, and her husband can play bridge at the local coffee shop. Sherrie grew up on a farm between Hebron and Fairbury and lived in Arizona for two years, but when their daughter was ready to go to school, Sherrie and her husband moved to Amherst and stayed. Sherrie's husband works for Sampson Construction and is currently working on the new State Fair site in Grand Island which is going to be ready for the State Fair this year. Their daughter, Caroline—a throwback to the 70's, is a different story. She is currently in Japan teaching English through the JET program and wants, maybe...who knows at this point, to be in the Peace Corp. or perhaps, she'll be an environmentalist. She is only 25,

but has visited 5 continents, and uses her parent's home as a storage facility. Caroline's future plans could include a trip on the Trans Siberian Railroad. Sherrie thinks perhaps she will have to accompany her on that trip.

Sherrie received her MLS from Emporia University in 1978 and has worked in Beatrice and UNK; left the library field and worked at Hastings Book Store until she decided to return to the library at CCC. She still works weekends at Hastings Books. Hastings Books contracts with Amazon so when someone places an order through Amazon, it comes by a dedicated computer terminal to Sherrie on the weekends and she fills the order and ships it. This was a WOW moment for me as I didn't know how Amazon worked.

Even though, Sherrie likes working at Hastings Books, she loves working at Central Community College. Sherrie and her assistant Dixie Codner have made the library an integral part of CCC. New student orientation is held near the library and parents wander in during the visit to wait for their students. Speech classes access the library on a regular basis, and the library has a large children's collection as the Human Services instructors require their students to create units using children's books.

Working in a college is like working in a school system. You try to provide materi



Keturah Young and Dixie Codner have worked with Sherrie to make CCC a great

neer project and how important it is for the future of Nebraska libraries.

Sherrie is also the Learning Center Manager and does testing for students taking the Learning Center classes. Sherrie and I discussed the fact that public libraries are a natural fit for all students but especially non-traditional students who are taking classes through the Learning Center. Libraries just need to provide students with efficient computer or wireless access. If Nebraska libraries receive the computers and faster internet service through the TARP grant which was submitted by the Nebraska Library Commission utilizing the stimulus funds, students taking classes through the Learning Center all across Nebraska will benefit!

Sherrie is also an adjunct history instructor teaching on the IP system (distance learning). She teaches a World Civilizations Class and an American History class. Last summer, Sherrie received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities Workshop and researched in libraries in Cleveland, Ohio about immigration history and in Boston researching John Adams.

My last comment to Sherrie was “you are a workaholic! She agreed with me...I just haven’t figured out when she sleeps! By *Sherry Houston*



als requested by instructors and desired by students. When budgets are tight, you have to make hard choices about purchasing. Sherrie is considering adding a fiction collection using McNaughton or Baker and Taylor Book Leasing program as the CCC campus is isolated and many students do not have other library access. CCC is a part of the One Library consortium which provides cataloging using the SIRSI-Dynix system which Sherrie thinks works really well. At this point, Sherrie and I digressed into a discussion about the Pio-

## 2010-2011 RVLS Board Meetings

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**All meetings begin at 10 am.**

**Your attendance is encouraged and welcomed!**



- September 10, 2010** Auld Public Library, Red Cloud, NE
- November 5, 2010** Mary Lanning Hospital Library, Hastings, NE
- January 7, 2011** Franklin Public Library, Franklin, NE
- March 4, 2011** On-Line Meeting
- June 3, 2011** Annual Meeting, (location to be announced)



# RVLS NEWS



**RVLS has a NEW  
website:  
[libraries.ne.gov/rvls](http://libraries.ne.gov/rvls)**

**Elwood Public Library** will get \$350,000.00 to build a new 3,500 square foot library. The Village will provide matching funds of \$184,400.00. Jane Hilton, Director, called me with the news. She is ecstatic, overjoyed and jubilant! Congratulations Elwood, we can't wait to see the finished product.

Hastings Public Library will be sponsoring an *eBook Petting Zoo* on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Library Meeting room. You will be able to try a Sony eReader, a Nook and a Kindle. For more information <http://hastings.lib.ne.us/>

If you have a Sony Reader, a Barnes and Noble Nook or any other e-book reading device except for a Kindle, you can check-out an e-book from a Public Library if they subscribe to Overdrive. The book is checked out for 21 days.

Jamie LaRue said at Nebraska Leadership Institute that 20% to 25% of our print collections will be gone by 2012 and e-books will take their place. In RVLS, Hastings Public, McCook Public, Superior Public, Holdrege Area Public, Lied Imperial Public and North Platte Public all subscribe to Nebraska Overdrive.

Sherry snapped this picture in Nuckolls Library on Central Community College campus 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.

**August 1, 2010**—Red Cloud Public School, Red Cloud, NE

**September 1, 2010**—Hastings Middle School, Hastings, NE

**October 1, 2010**—Sutton Elementary School, Sutton, NE

**November 1, 2010**—Southern Valley Public Schools Oxford, NE

**December 1, 2010**—Clay Center Public Library, Clay Center, NE

**January 1, 2011**—Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, NE

**February 1, 2011**—Available

**If you would like to schedule the Ellison for your facility, please e-mail us at:**

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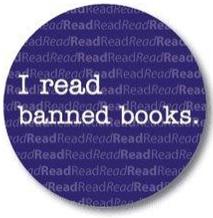
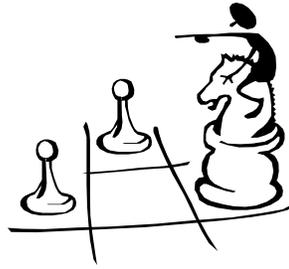
*Books let us into their souls*

and lay open to us the secrets of our own

*William Hazlitt*



# It's Your Move



Celebrate the Freedom to Read by observing Banned Book Week- September 25- October 2. The

theme is **Think for Yourself and Let Others do the Same.** To order materials or find more information, go to: <http://link.ixs1.net/s/ve?eli=v693183&si=4121499818&cfc=3html>

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**Need some graphics for your web-site?**

Check out web-fetti.com. It is free and you



can add a vampire to your page! Thanks to Ronni Harding from Bartley Public for giving us this tip.\*\*\*\*\*

**Teen Read Week™ is October 17-23.**

This year's theme is **Books with Beat @ your library®**," which encourages teens to read poetry, audiobooks, books about music, and more.

For information visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2010/home.cfm>

**Consider having a One Book One School read this year.**

You can borrow book sets from RVLS, the other system libraries and NLC or you can just come up with your own ideas. Everyone could read a book about Africa, travel or world war... different books for different grades. The Plains Indians are a very hot topic right now. For all the sets <http://neobook-club.pbworks.com> or for the RVLS titles <http://libraries.ne.gov/rvls/files/2010/04/Booksets-available.pdf>

## RVLS Has Scholarship Money Available

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

Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year

All member libraries eligible

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Date of event \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship requested for \_\_\_\_\_(meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_

Other information:



Send to: Republican Valley Library System  
2727 W. 2nd Street # 233



## YOU ARE INVITED

Sharon Osenga from Meridian Library System is starting an on-line book discussion group. I think it sounds fun. Here is how to join:

Sharon invites you to join a new online book discussion group that she has created for Nebraska Librarians called *Nebraska Librarians Talk Books*. Once a month the group will choose a title to read and discuss. This may also be used as a reader's advisory tool: if you have titles that would work well with the featured title, please share!

Many folks don't have the time or inclination to attend book discussion groups in person so this is ideal - you can comment any time!

Sharon has chosen the first book for August: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Shaffer. In the following months, group members can suggest titles for the group read.

The discussion is on Library Thing. Log in at [librarything.com](http://librarything.com) and go to groups. You can do a search on Nebraska Librarians and the group should come up. One of the reasons Sharon chose Library Thing as host is that you can get all posted messages through rss feed. Here is a direct link: <http://www.librarything.com/groups/nebraskalibrariansta>



Register on line for  
NLA/NEMA Conference  
Grand Island, NE  
October 13, 14, 15, 2010

See Website <http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2010>

**Wednesday Night, Oct. 13**  
**Tour** Grand Island Public Library  
**Munch** on hors d'oeuvres  
**Listen** to classical piano  
**Watch** slides of cranes over Grand Island  
Cost is only \$5.00. Register at the conference site.

# SUMMER READING WAS FUN :



Summer Reading at the C.B.Preston Memorial Library in Orleans was held each Tues. during June. An average of 15 children enjoyed crafts, games, prizes and stories. Community and businesses sponsored the programs and their generous donations helped provide great prizes and treats each week. Readers reaching a reading goal received a coupon for a free ice cream cone at a local store and a book placed in the library in their honor.

Lied Imperial Library kids enjoyed the Summer Reading Program as evidenced by these pictures. This awesome aquarium mural graced the library's big picture window. The kids gained knowledge and enjoyed the presentation by the local NRD representative.



“Make a Splash...Read” participants at the **North Platte Public Library** put their imaginations into full gear as they were cool surfer dudes, scuba divers, pirates and island survivors this summer. Surf boards became more decorated as individuals piled up reading minutes. Readers were entertained by CAPOW from U of N at Omaha.



**Franklin Public Library's** Summer Reading Program ran June 8th through 30th. Magician Adam White started the program on June 8th when he entertained approximately 100 kids in attendance . He tied his magic to libraries and reading, one of his card tricks even involved a Library Card. The kids (and adults ) were mesmerized! A record number of 125 kids registered for the reading program.

**Auld Doudna Library in Guide Rock** decided to do a Story Book Hour on the kids favorite books and/or stories. Everything went very well and they are hoping for more attendees next year.

**More . . . . .  
SUMMER READING FUN**

**Auld Public Library in Red Cloud,** had 27 kids attend their summer Reading Program led by Christi Lewis. Looks like the children really enjoyed the program.



## SUMMER READING FUN—CONTINUED



The **Clay Center Public Library's** Summer Reading Program launched its official kick-off during Clay Center Public School's Literacy Night in May. The theme for the 2010 Summer Reading Program was **Make a Splash - Read!** The library was decorated in the theme and over one hundred new books were available for readers to enjoy.

Conservation Officer, Jeff Jones visited the Clay Center Public Library on Tuesday, June, 22 to give a presentation on fishing to over eighty eager summer readers. Officer Jones presented each reader with a packet of fishing items provided by the Nebraska Game and Parks Aquatic Education Program. He also discussed the fish that are native to Nebraska and encouraged the participants to share their own special fishing stories.

After the presentation the children took part in a rod and reel casting contest. The readers, ranging from preschool to 6th grade were full of questions and enjoyed the presentation.

Special guests, including local artist, Bill Hess, have helped throughout the five-week session, which ended with a picnic in the city park in mid-July. There's no doubt that this has been another record-breaking year for Clay Center Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

### Summer Reading from Kathy Schultz at Hastings Public Library:





THE NEBRASKA  
CENTER FOR  
THE BOOK

*Presents...*

## *A Celebration of Nebraska Books*

November 6, 2010

Nebraska State Historical Society's

Nebraska History Museum, Lincoln, NE

### *Join Us to Celebrate:*

- **2010 Nebraska Book Award Winners**  
with authors reading from their work
- **Presentation of the 2010 Jane Geske Award**
- **2010 One Book One Nebraska program**  
featuring *The Home Place*, by Wright Morris
- **2011 One Book One Nebraska book selection**  
to be announced

Refer to  
[centerforthebook.nebraska.gov](http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov)  
and [facebook.com](http://facebook.com), search on  
**Nebraska Center for the Book**



## Basic Skills Public Library Administration

November 2, 9, and 16th—Hastings

November 5, 12, and 19th—Lexington

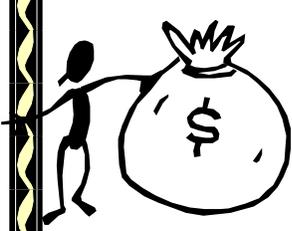
Sharon Osenga from Meridian Library System will be teaching both sessions.

She will teach the class on November 2, 9, and 16 in the upper level of the Land mark Center (where the RVLS office is located) 2727 W. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hastings.

and

Nov. 5, 12, and 19 at the Lexington Public Library, 907 N. Washington, Lexington.

Registration will be posted on the Training Calendar at Nebraska Library Commission website <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training> You can attend either location if you have a date conflict.



**If you are considering a career in librarianship, you can take advantage of grant money for college, training, or an internship from the Nebraska Library Commission.**

The Nebraska Library Commission was awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in the amount of \$721,033. This grant will be used by NLC and Central Community College to foster the recruitment, education, and 21st century skills development of 165 pre-professional and professional students through scholarships, internships, and stipends. The Cultivating Rural Librarians' Technology Skills program adds value to students' formal educational experiences through social and face-to-face networking opportunities and through technology skills training. The grant will also be used to recruit promising high school and college students and diverse library personnel to ensure that Nebraskans receive library services provided by knowledgeable librarians who represent a range of backgrounds and talents.



## Save the Date....September 8 Get out and REACH!

Outreach Projects and Health Information

### Outreach Panel Discussion

Wednesday September 8, 2010

At Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln NE

9:00 am -10:30 am

Hear from a people who have successfully run outreach projects. Build alliances, target future projects—A networking opportunity for people from public libraries, school libraries, public health departments, community and faith based organizations . Ideas for discussion/ funding/ potential projects can be shared at:

### Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing free Consumer Health Information

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

At Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln NE

10:45am—12:15pm

**Lunch Provided** 12:15pm—1:30pm

**No Comprende? Spanish and other  
Multiple Language Resources for Health  
Information**



All events are free!

Registration available until Sept. 1, 2010  
at: [www.tinyurl.com/mcrlases](http://www.tinyurl.com/mcrlases)

Questions can be directed to:

*Marty Magee  
National Network/Libraries of Medicine  
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986706 Nebraska Medical Center  
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## Mark Your Calendar

- September 2.....Consumer Health, Nebraska Library Commission See page 11
- September 8.....International Library Day
- September 14.....Carol Fiore— Boys and Books, Aurora See page 13
- September 15.....Carol Fiore—Boys and Books, Paxton See page 13
- September 15-October 15.....Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 25-October 1.....Banned Books Week See page 4
- October 13.....Black Belt Librarian, Pre-conference, Grand Island See page 13
- October 14, 15.....NLA/NEMA, Grand Island
- October 17-23.....Teen Read Week
- November 2, 9, 16.....Basic Skills, Hastings See page 10
- November 5, 12, 19....Basic Skill, Lexington See page 10
- November 6 .....Nebraska Center for the Books, Book Awards, Lincoln
- College of Dupage on-line webinars—  
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/reserve/dupageflyer0192010.pdf>

Have you heard...**Why do we need a library, we have the internet?**

Here is Jamie LaRue's comment.

Every time a library adds a computer connected to the internet, the use of every thing goes up—checkouts, visits, reference questions and program attendance.”

Why do people use the internet...*information, entertainment and social contact.*

Why do people use libraries? **Information, entertainment and social contact.**

- **Libraries** change lives
- **Libraries** build community
- **Libraries** mean business
- **Libraries** are a smart investment



**Bridging the Gender Gap: Enticing Boys to Books**  
Sept. 14th at Aurora Public Library, Aurora, NE OR  
Sept. 15th at Ole's Big Game Steakhouse & Lounge, Paxton, NE  
9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\$20.00 per person, includes lunch

This program is sponsored in part by the Nebraska Library Commission and funded in part with state funds allocated through the Nebraska Legislature



**Registration: Bridging the Gender Gap: Enticing Boys to Books**

Circle one: **Aurora** or **Paxton**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Library: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

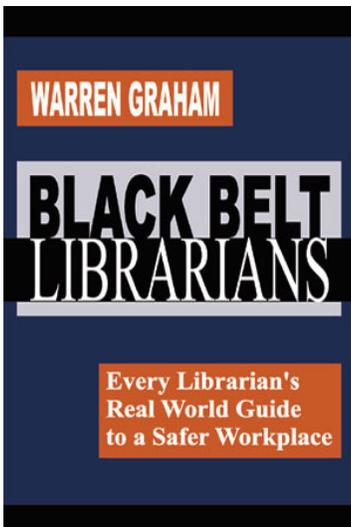
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Or e-mail [rvisasst@inebraska.com](mailto:rvisasst@inebraska.com) or [rvisadmin@inebraska.com](mailto:rvisadmin@inebraska.com)



**NLA/NEMA Conference**  
**Pre Conference Workshop**

October 13, 2010

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Midtown Holiday Inn

2503 S. Locust

Grand Island, NE 68803

Cost is \$20 (includes lunch)

6 CE Credits



Register at the NLA/NEMA Conference Website: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2010>

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## THE BIG READ

A book discussion guide complete with reader's guide and teacher's guide as well as an audio guide is available from the Big Read sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. These packets are free to any library and yours to keep. Additional Reader's Guides are available. Just notify RVLS which ones you would like and we will get them for you from the Nebraska Library Commission.

Adventures of Tom Sawyer  
The Age of Innocence  
Bless Me, Ultima  
The Call of the Wild  
The Death of Ivan Ilych  
Fahrenheit 451  
A Farewell to Arms  
Grapes of Wrath  
The Great Gatsby  
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter  
Housekeeping  
The Joy Luck Club  
A Lesson Before Dying  
The Maltese Falcon  
My Antonia  
Old School  
The Shawl  
Sun, Stone and Shadows  
Their Eyes Were Watching God  
Thief And the Dogs  
To Kill a Mockingbird  
Washington Square  
A Wizard of Earthsea

Meeting the needs of diverse language groups:  
UNK's library can help

**Looking for resources for readers whose first language isn't English? How about books for readers learning a new language? Come to your university library!**

**Check out some of these juvenile literature titles where the same content is provided in both English and Spanish, and come to the University Library to see more:**

***Moony luna* (2005) is a picture book written by Jorge Argueta and illustrated by Elizabeth Gómez. It tells the story of a five year old girl and her fears as she starts school for the first time. Her classroom is diverse, including a monster which appears in the illustrations and content, as well as in her fears.**

***Gracias* (2009) is a Pura Belpré Honor Book written by Pat Mora and illustrated by John Parra. Also a picture book, its young narrator offers thanks for many different things ("For my friend Billy, who showed me the book about a boy giant who puts his little parents on top of a tall tree when they misbehave, thanks./Por mi amigo Billy, que me enseñó el libro sobre el niño gigante que pone a sus padres pequeñitso en la cima de un gran árbol cuando ellos se portan mal, gracias."). The illustrations are delightful.**

**Or, for older, but still young readers (folks reading chapter books), how about *Upside Down and Backwards/De Cabeza y al revés* by Diane Gonzales Bertrand (2004). This work contains six short stories. Want the translation of what you read in Spanish to English? Just flip the book over and start reading from that end.**

**And, of course, there are many, many more bilingual works available at the library. Spanish/English is the combination of languages best represented, but we have other language combinations, and other language learning resources, as well!**

**The University of Nebraska at Kearney's Calvin T. Ryan Library (2508 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue) welcomes all library users. Any Nebraska resident, 18 years or older, may apply for a special borrower card. Just fill out an application at the Circulation Desk and present a valid Nebraska photo ID. Community members are allowed to borrow five circulating items at a time. What circulates? Most books, books on tape, videos, CDs, and lots of other information resources!**

**Parking on a university campus is always a challenge, though now that construction is done on Bruner Hall of Science, several metered parking spaces are potentially available, and are very near the library! Another option for parking on campus is a temporary parking permit. We would be glad to mail you one of these, as well as directions, and a campus map with the appropriate parking lots marked. To request a permit, please contact Jennifer Harvey (harveyjs@unk.edu; 308-865-8276). There is also street parking on the south side and east side of the campus, if you don't mind a little walk! Many of our resources can also be borrowed through your local library's interlibrary loan service.**

**We hope to see you soon!**

**--Jennifer Harvey, Curriculum Librarian, harveyjs@unk.edu**

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**“Libraries give a town a moral center. I don’t know how we would get along without them” - Tracy Kidder**