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Printha Fox —Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools



What an interesting name .
.....Printha Fox. It seems like the
name for a private detective in a
mystery....Kinsey Milhone, Kat
Colorado, Carlotta Carlyle, Printha
Fox. But Printha isn't a detective;
she is a Media Specialist at Wauneta-
Palisade Public School.

Wauneta-Palisade is an un-
usual consolidated school. It is set
up like most consolidated schools
with part of the grades in one
school and part in the other, but it
also has two different time zones.
If you had a first grader at Wauneta
it would be 8:00, but for the fourth
grader in Palisade, it would be 9:00.
Now this seems mind-boggling to
me, but Printha acted like the time
difference is just a part of life and
doesn't create many problems. The
Superintendent manages four
schools with three in one time zone

and one in another. He must be a Super-
man.

Speaking of Superman, Brandon
Routh, the lead in *Superman Returns*, is
Printha's third cousin. His Dad was in
her class in High School, and his Mother
and Printha are second cousins and grew
up together. So Printha told her children
that they have Superman blood.

Printha started teaching Spanish in
1990 and was a shared Spanish teacher
before the school consolidation occurred.
She still teaches three High School Span-
ish classes, one Junior High Spanish
Class, a twice-a-week 5th grade Spanish
Class and a twice-a-week 6th grade Span-
ish Class. Having so many Spanish
classes, does not let Printha spend much
time in the library, but she loves the li-
brary and wishes she could spend more
time helping students use the Media Cen-
ter correctly and showing them there is
more to research than copying and past-
ing an article from Google. The Media
Centers have Accelerated Reader and
Printha says for many students, AR isn't
fun, but students do check out many
more books than before and become fa-
miliar and comfortable with the Media
Center. Having two libraries to maintain
provides many challenges, trying to keep
the collections equal and remember what
each library contains.

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School Building in Wauneta



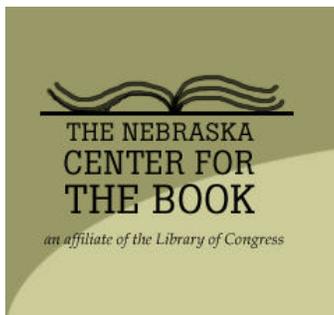
Printha's goal for the next couple of years is to automate the libraries....a daunting task while teaching all those Spanish classes. It is certainly good that Printha has Superman blood too!

With a school population hovering around 200, the future of small out-state communities is a balancing act. The communities are trying hard to attract people to their area, but they can't always predict what people will choose to do with their lives. If there were good jobs and enough money, Printha thinks more young people would return to their small communities. Printha said more than once, Wauneta-Palisade is a wonderful place to work. Time is always a factor, but the school is a kind, caring place and according to Printha working there is a pleasure. Printha Fox, not a detective, but definitely a Super-Woman!

By: Sherry Houston



2007 NEBRASKA BOOK FESTIVAL



October 26-27, 2007
Lincoln, Nebraska

Downtown businesses, museums, University facilities, and the State Capitol will open their doors to the Nebraska Book Festival, offering venues for readings and presentations, book signings, poet sightings, photo exhibits, award ceremonies, aardvarks and String Beans, music and food, a film screening, and other fun activities for children and adults.

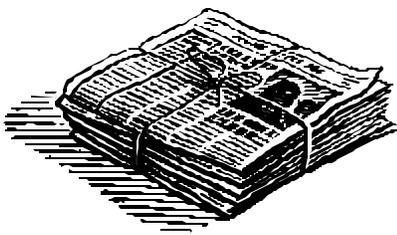
Festival events kick off on Friday, October 26, at 5:30 P.M. with a keynote address by Joseph Marshall III in the beautiful, historic Warner Chamber of the Nebraska State Capitol. Marshall is a Lakota born and raised on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. He is a storyteller, actor, teacher, and author of nine books, including a Crazy Horse biography. The NHC, Nebraska Center for the Book and Nebraska Library Commission have partnered with Secretary of State John Gale to offer this event free of charge and open to the public. Seating is limited and doors open at 5:00 P.M.

Saturday's events include a return to the Capitol for an awards ceremony. The Mildred Bennett Award and Nebraska Book Awards will be presented in the Rotunda at 11:00 A.M., just steps away from the Nebraska Hall of Fame where Nebraska authors Willa Cather, Bess Streeter Aldrich, John Neihardt, Mari Sandoz and Loren Eiseley are honored. Capitol tours will be available on the hour.

For more information: http://www.unl.edu/NCB/current_festival.html



RVLS NEWS



Hayes Center Public

Library has a wireless connection to the internet. If you are traveling through Hayes Center and want to check your e-mail, just stop in the Public Library with your laptop and you can connect. Deb Lawson said after attending the workshop in North Platte with Karen Hyman called Customer Centered Library, she decided to find a way to allow computer access for her community. She called the internet provider and had them install a router and wireless port. It was very inexpensive and has created much good will for the library. **Now that is what I call Customer Service!**

C.B. Preston Memorial Library in Orleans celebrated 90 years of service to the community on Sunday, September 16th. The library was dedicated on Sept. 17, 1917.

Friends of the library in Holdrege gifted the **Holdrege Area Public Library** a new Playstation unit and games "Guitar Hero", "Dance Dance Revolution" and "Battlefront". Children's Librarian, **Cindy Gitt** reports "The gaming competitions are hugely popular with the kids."

Jody Snogren is the new **Acting Director of Hastings Memorial Library** in Grant. **Sally Borowski**, former director, is now at Perkins County Schools. Welcome Jody to the RVLS system and so-long Sally and best of luck to you.

Gertie Schmer has resigned as the director of **Sutton Public Library** and **Shelly Reed** will be the new **Director**. You will be missed Gertie, and we wish you the best of luck. Welcome to RVLS, Shelly.

Hastings Public Library, Holdrege Area Public Library, North Platte Public Library and Superior Public Library are all participating in Overdrive—the downloadable audiobooks shared collection offered by the Nebraska Library Commission. We will definitely have a workshop at one of these libraries so we can see how Overdrive works. What an exciting new way for libraries to offer audiobooks in a new format.

Chris Rippen is the new High School Media Specialist at **Hayes Center Public School**. **Kris Walker** who has been the K-12 Media Specialist is now the Elementary Principal and the Elementary Media Specialist. Glad to have you on-board Chris!

The **Children's Room** at **Hastings Public Library** has been repainted and has new carpet. It has new wall decorations and bright colors. Congratulations on a really fun and great looking Children's area.

Oxford Public Library had a successful Summer Reading Program with secret codes, finger prints, storytelling, mazes and a swimming party Oxford holds Summer Reading every night for one week, ending with a party. The theme for the week "Get a Clue at Your Library" allowed Director Abi Bauer and other library staff to be creative and use disguises, smells and puppets. I think everyone agreed that it was a fun theme this year.

Teen Read Week is Oct. 14-20, 2007. This year's slogan, "LOL @ your library" suggests a humor theme as we "Laugh Out Loud" and reminds us teens love to communicate through the Internet. To find information, ideas and even a wiki check:
<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenreading.htm?>

ONE BOOK

ONE NEBRASKA

One Book One Nebraska 2008 selection is *Restoring the Burnt Child*, by Nebraska's OWN State Poet William Kloefkorn. Watch for book kits available in 2008.

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.

October 1, 2007: Central Community College—Hastings campus

November 1, 2007: Superior Public Schools—Stacy Shroyer

December 1, 2007: Orleans C.B. Preston Memorial Library—Raylene Stephens

January 1, 2008: Wallace Public Schools—Deb Jameson

February 1, 2008: Oxford Municipal Library—Abi Bauer

March 1, 2008: Nelson Public Schools—Linda Baxter/Don Wasson

April 1, 2008: Superior Public Library—Vicki Perrie

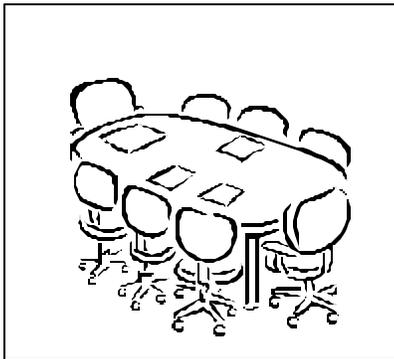
May 1, 2008: Beaver City Public Library—Betty Oliver

June 1, 2008: Available

July 1, 2008: Available

Also check out Story Kits, Audiobooks, Book Kits: [Crazy Horse](#), [Rescue Josh McGuire](#) and [One False Move](#), as well as equipment that you can borrow for your Library needs.

2007-2008 RVLS Board Meetings



Friday, November 2, 2007

Hildreth Public Library

Friday, January 11, 2008

RVLS Office, Landmark Center, Hastings

Friday, March 7, 2008

Beaver City Public Library

Friday, June 6, 2008—Board & Annual Meeting

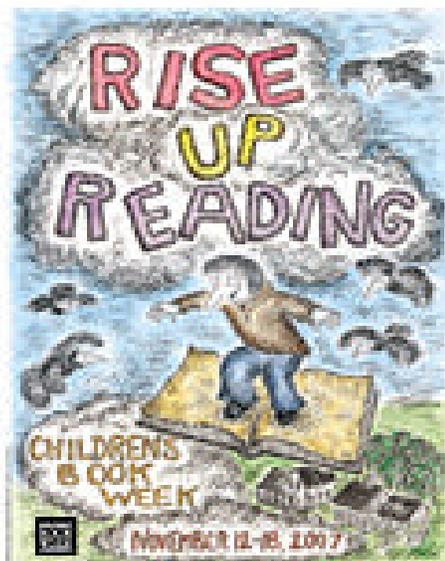
Location to be determined

All meetings begin at 10am. Your attendance is encouraged and welcomed!



It's Your Move

Children's Book Week



This year **Children's Book Week** will be **Nov. 12 -18, 2007** with the theme "**Rise Up Reading**"; however, next year CBW is moving.

Beginning in 2008, Children's Book Week will be in May.

To read more about CBW or to print promotional items for "Rise Up Reading" go to: <http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/celebrate/>

Upcoming Book Week Dates:

- 2008—May 12 - 18
- 2009—May 11 - 17
- 2010—May 10 - 16
- 2011—May 2 - 8
- 2012—May 7 - 13

Marjorie Harrison has been hired as the Administrator of the **Panhandle Library System**. She moved to Scottsbluff from Romeo District Library in Washington, Michigan. Welcome to Nebraska, Margie. We have already started working together, as we all attended XHTML in Lincoln. The distance from Hastings to Lincoln is a little different than from Scottsbluff to Lincoln!



Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival is Saturday, October 6, 2007, in Seward NE.

The authors this year are terrific. You can see and hear Richard Peck, Andrew Clements, Ted and Betsy Lewin, Peg Kehret, and others.

Check out the website www.cune.edu/plumcreek

Banned Books Week Sept. 29-Oct. 6

Thrills!.....Chills!

They said these books were too dangerous to read—and now they may be lurking in your own town.

If you are interested in seeing the list of banned books go to:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bbwkit/bookschallenged/2007shortl>

Ahoy! Treasure Your Freedom to Read and Get Hooked on a Banned Book.

COME JOIN US IN BONNY SCOTLAND!

July 19, 2008-August 1, 2008



I dreamed I lay where flowers were springing Gaily in the sunny beam...
Robert Burns

The Regional Library Systems are sponsoring a trip to

Scotland next summer. Highlights will include Burns Country, Cul-loden, Cawdor Castle, Stirling Castle and more. Full itinerary with pricing will be available by September 1st from your System Office.

Wondering how many CE credits you have, go to: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/lookup.asp> and put in your name and password and you can see how many more credits you need for your certification. Now if I can just remember my password!



On the Bookshelf



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

Books on CD

- *Bungalow 2* by Danielle Steel
- *Justice Denied* by J.A. Jance
- *Tin Roof Blowdown: A Dave Robicheaux Novel* by James Lee Burke

Books

- *Managing Change* by Susan Carol Curzon (A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians)

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



National Friends of Libraries Week

October 21-27, 2007

Friends of Libraries groups now have their very own national week of celebration! FOLUSA is coordinating the second annual national Friends of Libraries Week October 21-27, 2007. The celebration offers a two-fold opportunity to celebrate Friends. Use the time to creatively promote your group in the community, to raise awareness, and to promote membership. This is also an excellent opportunity for your library and Board of Trustees to recognize the Friends for their help and support of the library.

To find ways to recognize your Friends group, check the FOLUSA website. There are many great ideas of ways to celebrate your Friends group. Here is the website: <http://folusa.org/sharing/national-friends-week.php>





COPYRIGHT CONCERNS

By Phyllis Brunken

Copyright Law– Part 1

This article is the first of a six-part series on copyright for educators and public librarians based on the questions from participants of the many workshops that I have presented over that last ten years. Any presentation or article I prepare must contain the following statement: I am not an attorney and this bibliography and article may not be substituted for formal legal advice from an attorney well versed in school law and copyright law.

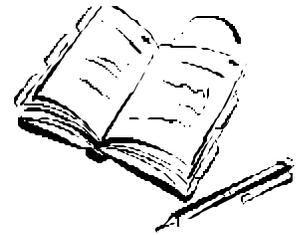
Why is understanding copyright law important? Copyright law protects the rights of the owner of nearly everything in our libraries and schools. We must understand copyright law and its exceptions such as “fair use” to facilitate the utilization of the library and educational materials by our patrons, teachers and students.

The first place to start with copyright law is a list of my favorite resources:

- *Copyright Catechism; Practical answers to Everyday School Dilemmas* by Carol Simpson, Worthington, Ohio, Linworth Publishing, 2005
- *Copyright for Schools; a Practical Guide* by Carol Mann Simpson Second Edition, Worthington, Ohio, Linworth Publishing, 1997 and Fourth Edition 2005
- *Copyright Articles* by Carrie Russell in School Library Journal
- *Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators* by Dr. Kenneth Crews, ALA, 2005
- *Concept of Fair Use* – Dr. Ken Crews <http://www.copyright.iupui.edu/checklist.htm>
- *Nebraska Library Commission -- Copyright Handbook* <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/copyright/copyright1.html>
- *Hal Davidson's Classroom Copyright Chart and Copyright Chart* <http://www.mediafestival.org/copyrightchart.html>
- *When U.S. Works Pass Into Public Domain* by Lolly Gasaway <http://www.unc.edu/~uncInlg/public-d.htm>
- *Copyright Term and the Public Domain in the United States*, January 1, 2007 http://www.copyright.cornell.edu/training/Hirtle_Public_Domain.htm

Please send an email to me if you want a complete bibliography of my recommended copyright law resources or have a copyright law question. pbrunken@cox.net

RVLS Calendar



October 2007

- 4-6**—Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival, Concordia University, Seward. Go to <http://www.cune.edu/plumcreek> for complete information.
- 4**—Fall Workshop 2007 at North Platte Community College, North Campus
- 5**—Fall Workshop 2007 at ESU# 11, Holdrege, NE
- 14-20**—Teen Read Week —See page 3 of VALLEYTALK
- 21-27**—National Friends of Library Week—see Page 6 of VALLEYTALK
- 22-26**—Nebraska Library Commission's Thinking Outside the Borders Institute, <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/think/intro.html>
- 23**—Author/illustrator **Jan Brett** will be signing books in Kearney from 5-7 pm at Hastings Books Store, 9 West 39th Street. Telephone # (308) 234-1130.
- 24-26**—NLA/NEMA Convention, Kearney, NE, <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/>
- 24**—“Image Is Everything” Nebraska Regional Library Systems' Pre-Conference, 9:30-3:30, Holiday Inn, Kearney.
- 24**—Read Aloud Nebraska presents Mem Fox NLA/NEMA Pre-Conference, <http://www.readaloudnebraska.org/events.htm>
- 24**—Computer Hardware Confidence, John Seyfarth, Pre-conference, Kearney Public Library 8:30-11:30 or 1:00-4:00
- 25-27**—“Novel Secrets: A Novel Retreat in Three Acts,” Writing Conference, St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE. For complete details, go to <http://www.NLSharp.com>.
- 26-27**—Nebraska Center for the Book Nebraska Book Festival; see <http://www.unl.edu/NCB/> for details.

November 2007

- 6, 13**—Basic Skills Collection Development, North Platte Community College, 1101 Halligan Drive
- 12-18**—Children's Book Week - See Page 5 of VALLEYTALK
- 14-15**—Gates Technology Training, North Platte Community College, North Campus
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=8295>
- 29**—Fall Colloquium, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE-Michael Stephens

February 2008

- 13**—NLA Legislative Day

March 2008

- 13-14**—Youth Retreat in Aurora
- 21**—RVLS Summer Reading “Catch the Reading Bug” (*tentative date*)
- 25-29**—PLA 12th National Conference, Minneapolis –Take the Bus!

June 2008

- 6**—RVLS Annual Meeting

October 2008

- 15-17**—NLA/NEMA Annual Conference



Scholarships from RVLS

Would you like to attend a conference?
 Would you like to go to MPLA?
 Would you like to come to the RVLS Annual Meeting?
 Are you excited to go to the Leadership Institute?
 Would you like to go to some of the meetings held around the state?
 Do you need funding for attending workshops?

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:

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Why I Like Housework, or Ode to a Playaway



When I started listening to the Playaway Books, (you know the self-contained book that operates on batteries and is small enough to fit in your pocket) I thought I could work on the computer and listen, but I can't. I seem to need all my faculties in tack to listen to an audiobook. I can't write a letter and listen, I can't watch TV and listen, but I can clean my house. I find that I can clean the bathroom and listen, I can change the sheets and listen, I can empty the dishwasher and listen, I can do any cleaning task and listen. I have never been particularly fond of cleaning. I always told my family that if I take a job as a house cleaner you know it is time for some serious mental help, but now, listening to an audiobook, I don't mind any part of the cleaning thing. Playaways work well. If I lose my place, I can find it with the fast forward or reverse buttons. I can go back a chapter or forward a chapter. I can raise and lower the volume easily. I can even make the speech faster. They use one AAA battery which I usually have to change sometime during the book. I am not totally in love with the earbuds. I think I will use some bigger headphones the next time, as those little things in my ears sometimes are an irritant, but any size of headphone will fit in the Playaway. RVLS has 16 Playaway books, at present. I urge you to try one to see if they fit into your life style. To see the list of the books RVLS has, go to this website: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican/booksmove.html> The books the company has available for purchase are still somewhat limited, but that will change as more and more people begin to use them. If you would like to see the website so you know what I am talking about, here is the link <http://www.store.playawaydigital.com/>

We will check them out to you for 3 months and you can check them out to your library users so they can see how they work. We also have a transmitter so you can play them through your car radio. Maybe you, too, will decide you like to clean your house.

By: Sherry Houston



Folkmanis Puppet Order

RVLS will be placing a Folkmanis puppet order in mid-October.

You may submit orders until Monday, October 15, 2007.

To request a current 2007/2008 Folkmanis catalog, call (510) 658-7677 or check the Folkmanis website at <http://www.folkmanis.com>.

Please call the RVLS office for pricing information.



RVLS BOARD MEETS AT MARY NELSON'S HOME

Mantel custom designed from trees grown on Mary's family farm.



Art work hanging on straw bale wall of staircase



Mary Nelson, the Commissioner for the Nebraska Library Commission from Republican Valley Library System hosted the September board meeting at her new straw bale house.

What a treat that was. The house was a "feast for the eyes". Everywhere we looked Mary and her husband Clarke had some interesting, beautiful piece of art or other item to stare at, to contemplate, to enjoy. Being at Mary's house made the atmosphere at our meeting positively out-of-this world. And to add to our delight, Mary fixed a wonderful lunch for all attendees.

Everyone wanted a copy of the casserole she fixed so we decided to share it in this newsletter. It was a "feast for the stomach"!

Maxine's Glorious Chicken and Rice Casserole

Prep Time: 20 mins.
Cook Time: 30 mins.
Total Time: 50 mins.

Serves: 6 - 8
Can be made the night before

Ingredients: 2 cups cooked chicken
1 can cream of chicken soup
3/4 cup Miracle Whip
1 cup chopped celery
3 cups cooked Rice
1 Tbs. grated onion
1 Tbs. lemon juice
1/2 cup sliced water chestnuts
1/2 cup slivered almonds

Directions: Mix all ingredients and place in buttered 9 x 13 casserole dish. Top with crunched corn flakes and butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 mins. Let cool 15 minutes before serving. Mmmm! - Enjoy!





Nebraska Golden Sower Award 2008-2009 Nominees

www.goldensower.org



2008-2009 Primary Nominees

Brett, Jan. *HONEY, HONEY—LION!: A STORY OF AFRICA.*

George, Jean Craighead. *LUCK.*

Hills, Tad. *DUCK AND GOOSE.*

Knudsen, Michelle. *LIBRARY LION.*

O'Connor, Jane. *FANCY NANCY.*

Palatini, Margie. *THE THREE SILLY BILLIES.*

Raven, Margot Theis. *LET THEM PLAY.*

Reynolds, Aaron. *CHICKS AND SALSA.*

Van Dusen, Chris. *IF I BUILT A CAR.*

Wood, Douglas. *NOTHING TO DO.*

2008-2009 Intermediate Nominees

Armstrong, Alan W. *WHITTINGTON.*

Auch, Mary Jane. *WING NUT.*

Clements, Andrew. *ROOM ONE: A MYSTERY OR TWO.*

Gutman, Dan. *SATCH AND ME.*

Hart, Alison. *ANNA'S BLIZZARD.*

Hicks, Betty. *OUT OF ORDER.*

Lord, Cynthia. *RULES.*

Lowry, Lois. *GOSSAMER.*

Whelan, Gloria. *LISTENING FOR LIONS.*

Wiles, Deborah. *EACH LITTLE BIRD THAT SINGS.*

2008-2009 Young Adult Nominees

Broach, Elise. *SHAKESPEARE'S SECRET.*

Carey, Janet Lee. *DRAGON'S KEEP.*

Cooney, Caroline B. *A FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT.*

Gray, Dianne E. *TOMORROW, THE RIVER.*

Hobbs, Will. *CROSSING THE WIRE.*

Lupica, Mike. *HEAT.*

Meyer, Stephenie. *TWILIGHT.*

Nolan, Han. *A SUMMER OF KINGS.*

Paulsen, Gary. *THE LEGEND OF BASS REEVES: BEING THE TRUE AND FICTIONAL ACCOUNT OF THE MOST VALIANT MARSHAL IN THE WEST*



North Platte Public Library is involved in a major remodeling project. Walls have been painted, hundreds of books have been weeded and the children's room and part of the main library has new carpeting. The circulation desk is now in the middle of the library and it looks wonderful. The colors are deep blue, light blue and mauve. Now the library staff can gaze at the finished project on one side, while they shuffle books, sort, and weed on the other side because in December they will do it all over again as the other side of the library gets new carpeting. (something about budget allocations!)

But oh, when it is all finished, North Platte Public Library is going to look terrific.

Thinking outside the Borders: Library Leadership in a World Community

Set for October 22–26

Mr. German Eduardo ARIAS LEON,
Banco de la Republica – Biblioteca Luis
Angel Arango, Manizales, COLOMBIA

Ms. Rocio CAZARES AGUILAR,
Universidad de las Americas Pueblo,
San Pedro Cholula, MEXICO

Mr. Hector GRENNI, Don Bosco
University, Biblioteca Rafael Meza Ayau,
Soyapango, EL SALVADOR

Mr. Ramiro PENA TAPIA, The Cen-
tral University, Bogota, COLOMBIA

Ms. Stelina Maria PINHA, Brazilian
Federal Senate Library, Terreo, BRAZIL

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Local, Comfenaico Antioquia, Medellin,
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BLANCO**, Centro Cultural Costar-
ricense-Norteamericano CCCN, San
Jose, COSTA RICA

Mr. Milton Edwin VARGAS **PRIETO**,
Luis Angel Arango Library, Bogota,
COLOMBIA

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Library, York, NE, USA

Ms. Anita Stoltzfus BRECKBILL,
University of Nebraska-Lincoln Music
Library, Lincoln, NE, USA

**Ms. Siobhan CHAMP-
BLACKWELL**, Creighton University
Medical Center, Omaha, NE, USA

Mr. Steve FOSSELMAN, Grand Is-
land Public Library, Grand Island, NE,
USA

Ms. Jodene GLAESEMANN, Lincoln
City Libraries, Lincoln, NE, USA

Ms. Theresa JEHLIK, Omaha Public
Library, Omaha, NE, USA

Ms. Sharon OSENGA, Meridian Li-
brary System, Kearney, NE, USA

Mr. Mike POMA, Creighton University
Library, Omaha, NE, USA

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Ms. Janet Stoeger WILKE, University
of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE,

An institute on international library leadership will be held this fall at the Nebraska Library Commission. Eighteen librarians from Nebraska, Mexico, Brazil, Costa Rica, Colombia, and El Salvador will attend the *Thinking outside the Borders Institute*, a National Leadership Grant activity funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The international visitors from Central and South America will attend discussion sessions in Lincoln, and the annual conference of the Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association (NLA/NEMA) in Kearney.

Announcing the Institute, Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner said, “The Nebraska Library Commission is pleased to host the *Thinking Outside the Borders Institute*. Nebraska librarians and their counterparts from Central and South American countries will experience a unique chance to explore and exchange ideas from their different perspectives and experiences.”

The Nebraska Library Commission is partnering with the Illinois State Library and the Mortenson Center for International Librarianship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in this effort to bring together librarians from the United States and other countries to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the world community in which librarians work. Nebraska’s *Thinking Outside the Borders* experience will pair ten international librarians taking part in the Mortenson Center Associates program with middle-level to senior-level library managers from Nebraska, who will come together to explore their mutual professional interests.

Speaking about a previous Illinois institute that paved the way for this event, Illinois State Library Director Anne Craig said, “This conference will sow the seeds for mutual and multicultural cooperation, from which we will all reap the benefits for years to come.” Barbara Ford, director of the Mortenson Center, said the Illinois librarians and the international Mortenson Center Associates enhanced their problem solving skills in international settings. “It’s important now because all our libraries are global libraries,” said Ford. “Customers, clients and users expect libraries to connect them with information from around the world. To be successful, communities need global perspective. Businesses and education are going global; libraries are going the same way.”

For more information contact Laura M. Johnson, Continuing Education Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us.



Minneapolis in 2008



Interested in taking a bus trip?

Want to go to a major conference?

Nebraska Regional Library Systems are sponsoring a bus that will take librarians from Ne-

braska to Minneapolis for the 12th National PLA Conference, March 25-29, 2008. If you are a librarian in Nebraska, you can ride for free. If you want to take someone along, there is usually room if they pay a small amount to ride the bus. The Public Library Association Conference will be held in downtown Minneapolis at the Minneapolis Convention Center. For more information <http://www.placonference.org/>. Watch upcoming newsletters for registration flyer.



Get some help at your library!

The Nebraska Library Commission is offering grants to libraries for student internships, with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Librarians for the 21st Century initiative. These internship grants are intended to introduce promising high school and college students to the varied and exciting work of Nebraska libraries, by providing a \$1,000 stipend for each student to finance approximately one-hundred hours spent working with library staff on a variety of projects and activities.

Eligible organizations can apply for internship funding in connection with their grant applications in the Youth Grants for Excellence and/or Library Improvement Grants (formerly LSTA Grants) grant cycles. Applications for internship projects can also be submitted independent of other Nebraska Library Commission grant funding. Eligible entities include:

- Accredited Nebraska public libraries
- Eligible institutional libraries
- Other library organizations in partnership with an eligible entity for purposes of submitting a grant application for a collaborative internship project.

For more information contact Mary Jo Ryan
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Basic Skills

When: November 6 and 13

Where: North Platte Community College: North Campus
 80 and U.S. Highway 83
 1101 Halligan Drive
 North Platte
 Phone: 308-535-3600

Basic Skills: Collection Development, one of the 4 required courses for Public Librarian Certification, covers: writing collection development policies, assessing the needs of your community, upholding the principles of intellectual freedom and dealing with challenges, selecting the best materials for your collection, acquiring materials, and maintaining the collection through collection assessment, weeding and materials repair.

Class is from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. with an hour for lunch on your own, and a morning and afternoon break.

This class is only two days, but day three will be a project to do in your library.

To register: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventlist.asp?mode=day&month=11&day=6&year=2007>

Judy Grandstaff will be teaching in North Platte. She will also be teaching the same class in St. Paul on Nov. 8 and 15. If you want to do the first day of the class in North Platte and the second day in St. Paul or vice versa, we think that is fine. Here is the address in St. Paul:

St. Paul Library
 1301 Howard Avenue
 Saint Paul, Nebraska Phone: 308-754-5223



2007 Fall Collo- Librarian 2.0



What?

Librarian 2.0 is a “strategy guide” for helping users find information, gather knowledge and create content. The most important traits of Librarian 2.0 include: Librarians 2.0 plans for their users ~ Librarian 2.0 embraces Web 2.0 tools ~ Librarian 2.0 controls technolust ~ Librarian 2.0 makes good, yet fast decisions ~ Librarian 2.0 is a trendspotter ~ Librarian 2.0 gets content ~ Librarian 2.0 also listens to staff and users when planning, tells the stories of successes and failures, learns from both, celebrates those successes, allows staff time to play and learn, and never stops dreaming about the best library services.

How? Why?

Join your peers—discuss & discover.

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Thursday, November 29, 2007 5:30-9:30 p.m.
at The Cornhusker Hotel
Yankee Hill 1 & 2
333 S. 13th Street, Lincoln, NE

Schedule of Events

5:30 – 6:30	Social hour, cash bar
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner
7:30 – 8:30	Presentation by Michael Stephens
8:30 – 9:30	Discussion

Dinner: Arbor Buffet

Fresh garden salad, fresh seasonal fruit, fresh vegetable tray with dip, Chef's potatoes or rice, two Chef's fresh vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and milk. with Stuffed Lemon Artichoke Chicken and Seafood Newburg for entrees.

The Arbor Buffet also includes assorted Cornhusker cakes and pastries.

The Fall Colloquium is sponsored jointly by: the Eastern Library System & the Southeast Library System.

This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

YES! I want to participate in the Fall Colloquium 2007: Michael Stephens

Name _____ Library _____

Work phone _____ Work email _____

Send completed registration form & payment of **\$35.00** to: **Eastern Library System**, 11929 Elm Street, Suite 12, Omaha, NE 68144. Deadline: **Tuesday, November 20, 2007.**





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