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## Geek the Library:

### An Awareness Campaign for Public Libraries

#### geek (verb)

1. To love, to enjoy, to celebrate, to have an intense passion for.
2. To express interest in.
3. To possess a large amount of knowledge in.
4. To promote.

Geek the Library is a community awareness campaign designed to highlight the vital role of public libraries and educate the public about the critical funding issues many libraries face. Materials, resources and support are available to libraries willing to do what it takes to adopt this awareness campaign.



#### How does it work?

The Geek the Library campaign grabs people's attention and serves as a reminder about the immense value public libraries have for individuals and

for communities. The awareness campaign introduces the word 'geek' as a verb and illustrates the fact that everyone is passionate about something—everyone 'geeks' something—and that the public library supports it all. (And you will find people who are excited to tell you what they geek.)

As people see Geek the Library elements around the community, their curiosity increases and the campaign provides an effective platform to educate and engage people about the critical nature of public library funding, as well as feeding a growing awareness that every individual, inevitably, plays a role. With the help of library staff, the campaign aims to reach influential members of the community, as well as key library supporters (who aren't necessarily your most regular patrons), who can help educate others regarding the future of library funding.

#### What you need to know:

The Geek the Library campaign is designed to employ multiple touch-points to promote community awareness, education and engagement.

If you commit to this campaign, you will get guidance, along with access to professional materials and templates, but that is not enough to make an impact. If you are considering implementing this campaign, ask if your library can make the following commitments.

- Willingness to run the Geek the Library campaign for a minimum of six months.
- A dedicated staff member who is responsible for overseeing all elements of the campaign and acts as the main contact for the Geek the Library field team.
- Dedicated staff time per week.
- Planning resources, including writing a marketing plan, event strategy, gathering and organizing local information that helps tell your library's story.
- Some resources for local advertising and events.
- Resources to download artwork and print marketing materials, as well as resources to resize ad templates or other materials, if needed.
- Willingness to abide by Geek the Library guidelines in use of the campaign.



Find out more at <http://get.geekthelibrary.org>.

*(Meridian Monitor, October/November 2011)*

## 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.

**November, 2011—  
Sutton Public Schools, Sutton**

**December, 2011  
Open**

**January 2012  
Red Cloud Public School**

**June, 2012—  
Dundy County Library, Benkelman**

The new 2" letter and number die sets are now available. If you would like to schedule a time for your library to use the Ellison. Please email us at: [rvlsasst@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsasst@inebraska.com) or [rvlsadmin@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsadmin@inebraska.com)



## We Speak Your Language Spanish Language Kits



The Republican Valley Library System has a rotating collection of Spanish Language Kits for use by RVLS member libraries. Currently the kits are "in the shop" for repair. The new, improved kits will begin circulating by December 15, 2011. Each kit will contain popular library material in Spanish for all ages—infant through adult. Participating libraries can expect to receive one tote full of educational and entertaining items every other month.

All types of libraries (school, public and academic) are eligible to borrow the "We Speak Your Language" kits. We have ten unique kits with eight libraries already on the routing schedule. Please reserve your spot on the list by calling or emailing the RVLS Office.

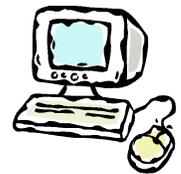
## E-Rate Basic Training

November 8, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Calvin T. Ryan Library

University of Nebraska at Kearney



### What is E-Rate? How can my library benefit from E-Rate? How do I apply for E-Rate?

E-rate is a federal program that provides discounts to assist schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access. Christa Burns, State E-Rate Coordinator, will cover the basics of E-Rate and any changes that have been made to the program this year. For the in-person sessions, there will also be hand-on time, when you can get assistance completing your E-Rate forms. This session will be useful to libraries who have never applied for E-Rate, libraries who are new to E-Rate and current E-Rate libraries who just want a refresher on what E-Rate is all about.

To register for this session, go to the Nebraska Library Commission's Training & Events Calendar and search for "e-rate." <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>

## 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:



## Book Protection

**Prevention is the KEY to book repair.** Libraries see the same problems over and over and when you put off action until the book cannot be circulated; many times, you are looking at solutions that are more time intensive and costly than most libraries can undertake.

The major mistake that has been made in the past with book repair was that the “solution” caused more serious problems than those that currently existed.

### FIRST, DO NO HARM.

- Anything that is put in or on the book must be acid-free.
- ALL Vinyl, over time, curls, yellows, and gets brittle. Vinyl products are endemic in the library world: covers; tapes; laminates; and label protectors. Polyester is a much better choice because of its strength and resilience.
- Do NOT use Elmer’s Glue or hot glue guns on books. Use acid-free PVA.



Just because a product is sold in a “Library Supply Catalog,” doesn’t mean it is the right or best product to use.

**Remember: Acid-Free and Polyester.**

(Kary Barth, KAPCO Book Protection, [www.kapco.com](http://www.kapco.com))

## Bulletin Board for November



Do you have an extra bulletin board? Are you tired of pumpkins and turkeys in November? Here is a bulletin board idea for you! November is Peanut Butter Lover’s Month. Create a bulletin board featuring the plant, the products, people, and books that link to this legume. You can even feature vocabulary associated with the nut: earthnuts, ground nuts, goober peas, monkey nuts, pygmy nuts, and pig nuts, as well as peanut. Feature the many uses of the peanut, the plant itself, and the life cycle. Be sure to include information about allergies. Use the bulletin board to inspire research, writing, and projects related to peanuts.

For more information go to: <http://peanutbutterlovers.com/>.

(*School Library Monthly*, November 2011, p 58.)

# storytime strategies



**EXPLORE** the elements of successful storytimes with Kathy Schultz, Children’s Librarian at Hastings Public Library.

**PLAN** a storytime with fellow workshop participants

**SHARE** your storytime ideas.

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 (includes lunch)

Choose from two locations:

November 28, 2011

December 9, 2011

Wilson Public Library

Blue Hill Public Library

910 Meridian

317 West Gage

Cozad, NE

Blue Hill, NE

*Board Stories*  
*Crafts*  
*Materials Selection*

*Preparation*  
*Action Rhymes*  
*Songs*

This workshop is sponsored by Meridian and Republican Valley Library Systems.

Registration Deadline: November 23, 2011 Please indicate location.

Cozad

Blue Hill

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

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check and registration to:

Meridian Library System

816 E 25th St., Ste. 7

Kearney, NE 68847

Phone: 1-800-657-2192

308-234-2087

Email: meridian@frontiernet.net

**Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting**  
**September 9, 2011 10:00 am (Mountain Time)**  
**Hastings Memorial Library**  
**505 Central Avenue Grant, NE 69140**

**PRESENT:** Sky Seery, Fe Cogley, Beth Falla, Vicki Perrie, Dana Wade, Mo Khamouna, Jane Hilton, Jody Crocker, and Tony Anderson.

**ABSENT:** Vicki Casper, Mary Nelson, Claudette Wielechowski, Steve Batty, NLC Commissioner.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Denise Harders (System Administrator), Richard Miller (NLC Representative), Robin Quinn, Director of Hastings Memorial Library at Grant and Kay Kloppenborg, RVLS Admin. Asst.

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Denise called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (June 3, 2011): Mo moved to accept the minutes as written and Vicki seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial reports from June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> including the Percent of Budget Used Report, were reviewed. Denise noted that the Equipment line on the Percent of Budget Used report looked skewed, because the bill for the disc cleaning machine was not received or paid until end of July, when the money actually was spent in the previous fiscal year. The number of transfers between the savings and checking account was noted and explained. The reports were accepted as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Denise shared the thank you notes RVLS had received from Nancy Sherwood and Sylvia Person, retiring board members. Susan Franklin, Carol Eshleman and Janice Hartman had also sent thank you notes for the scholarships they had received. A letter from Cheryl Ahrens, Library Director at Arapahoe Public Library, concerning her retirement was also read.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Denise reviewed the statistics for June, July and August. At the last board meeting Denise told of her intention to visit RVLS system's public libraries from May 31<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Her report was that she had traveled 6,855 miles in this endeavor. She had visited 44 public libraries, 3 school libraries and 1 academic library during those 3 months. What an amazing job! Denise has proceeded with her plan to re-instate Valley Visits beginning with August visits in Hastings and in McCook, and will continue with another one during the NLA/NEMA conference in Lincoln in October.

New Library Directors that Denise visited were: Donna Troudt at Auld Doudna Public Library in Guide Rock; Terri Eberly, Auld Public Library, Red Cloud; Melissa Whitefoot, at Fairfield Public Library; Amy Baskerville, at Eustis-Farnam Public Library and Sky Seery at her new position at the North Platte Learning Resource Center for Mid Plains Community College.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Vicki Casper completed her term as President of the Board, and preferred not to continue another term because of time constraints. A new RVLS Board President needed to be elected. Nominees for President of the Board were Mo Khamouna and Vicki Perrie. Mo was elected President by the majority of votes. Nancy Sherwood retired and moved out of the system, so the Secretary position was vacant, as well. Nominees for Secretary of the Board were Sky Seery and Beth Falla. Sky was elected to serve as the Board Secretary. Vicki Perrie was nominated and chosen as Vice President to fill the Vice-President position, formerly held by Mo.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Disc Repair Policy:** The Disc Repair Policy had been distributed to board members electronically and was discussed at the meeting. The Board decided to simplify the fee schedule for the discs repaired after the designated number free for each member library. If the System Office mails the discs back to the home library, the fee is 50 cents per disc. If the discs are picked up from the System Office (no postage is incurred), the fee is 35 cents per disc. After clarification, Beth moved to amend the policy as discussed and Dana seconded the motion. Motion to approve the policy as amended carried.

**Budget Update:** The Revised 2011-2012 Budget was distributed to board members. The Nebraska Library Commission's appropriation for Regional System funding had not been determined until after the June Board meeting. NLC funding was reduced by 5.5% instead of the projected 8%. That meant that we were able to add dollars back to the 2011-2012 Budget. The Budget was revised to reflect these additional funds, and a Revised Budget Explanation was prepared and presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Spanish Kits:** The Spanish kits are in need of updating. It has been a long time since they were assembled and some of the items in them are no longer current. Denise proposed bringing all of them into the office, and possibly dividing them up into 8 to 10 smaller kits (1 tub per kit). The smaller kits would be circulated to the libraries that want to receive them on a regular basis, similar to the way magazines are circulated. A distribution list would be set up and it would be the member libraries' responsibility to see that the next library on the list would get the kit on time as scheduled. The Board approved of improving these kits and the new method of circulation.

**Flip Video Camera:** Six new, simple to operate, mini Video Cameras and an accompanying loan policy were presented to the board. These mini video cameras may be borrowed by member libraries and used for teen programming or any other purpose in the library. Vicki moved to accept the policy; Tony seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**2011-2013 Plan of Service:** The new 2011-2013 Plan of Service was reviewed by board members. Richard explained that a current Plan of Service is required by the Commission as part of the agreement between the Commission and the System. Some minor revisions were made to the plan and Jane moved to adopt the Plan of Service with the revisions. Tony seconded the motion. The 2011-2013 Plan of Service was approved.

**NLC Commissioner Report:** No report, Steve Batty unable to be at the meeting.

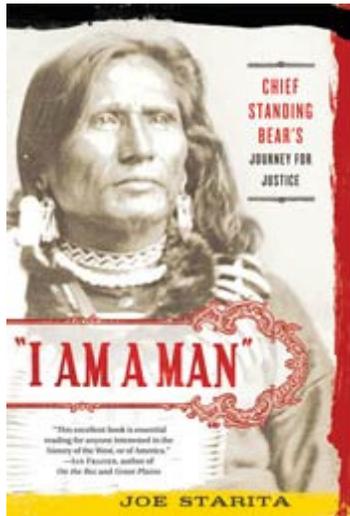
**NLC Representative Report:** Richard Miller presented the NLC Report to the System. He reported on the Alliance Public Library Teens winning a video challenge. He said the Commission has a number of resources related to 2011 flooding problems in Nebraska. A BTOP update was reviewed. Richard also highlighted upcoming programs on NCompass Live. Grants available for small town library improvements were highlighted. The Nebraska Library Commission's Book Club Webpage has undergone some changes. Richard encouraged everyone to consider using these great resources. Educational opportunities are abundant thru NLC, such as Basic Skills classes, Books in Print Training webinar, an Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records course. The Commission is also willing to promote any events local libraries might be having on Ted Kooser's book Local Wonder, by putting it on the One Book One Nebraska calendar of events. Richard emphasized that there are Youth Grants for Excellence and 21st Century Librarian Scholarships and urged people to apply for these.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm and members shared a great lunch and good conversation at the Grant Family Restaurant.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** November 4, 2011, at the Central Community College in Hastings.

Kay Kloppenborg, Recording Secretary

## 2012 One Book One Nebraska Announced



"*I Am a Man*": Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice, by Joe Starita is Nebraska's reading choice for the **2012 One Book One Nebraska** statewide reading program.

In 1877, Chief Standing Bear's Ponca Indian tribe was forcibly removed from their Nebraska homeland and marched to what was then known as Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), in what became the tribe's own Trail of Tears. "*I Am a Man*" chronicles what happened when Standing Bear set off on a six-hundred-mile walk to return the body of his only son to their traditional burial ground. Along the way, it examines the complex relationship between the United States government and the small, peaceful tribe and the legal consequences of land swaps and broken treaties, while never losing sight of the heartbreaking journey the Ponca endured.

(Publisher website:<http://us.macmillan.com/iamaman/joestarita>)

### New Professional Material

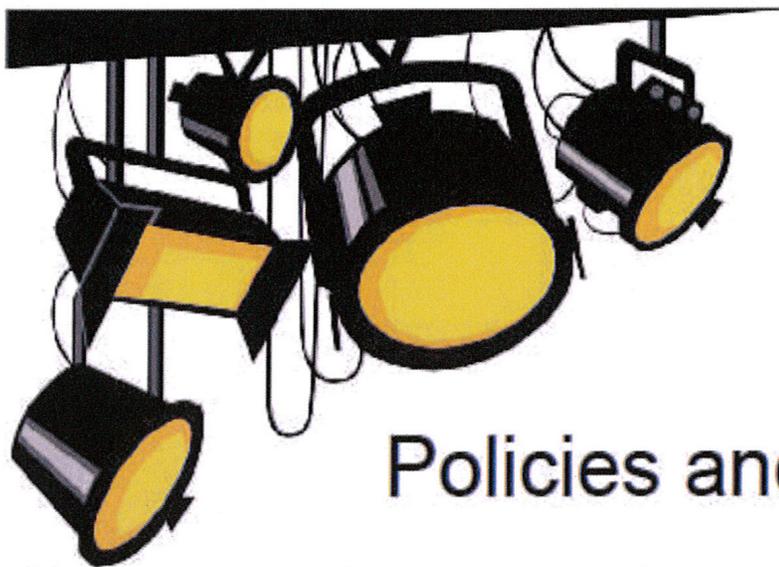
The RVLS Professional Collection includes *Let the Games Begin!* edited by Theresa R. McDevitt. Here is the description provided by the publisher:

The value of games in teaching and learning has been well-documented in research in education. Here are sixty field-tested games that teach information literacy skills using fun, interactive activities at a variety of skill and knowledge levels. You'll find card games and Jeopardy games, games that involve individual and group work, clickers, white boards, chalk board, running around the library, and moving around the classroom...Details for each game are provided, including objectives; information literacy standards addressed; audience (size, educational level); time required; materials and equipment—including prize suggestions; area setup; preparation; game instructions and processes. With this step-by-step guide, instructors will be able to confidently create information literacy instruction sessions that will break the mold, engaging students in learning that is both highly educational and highly enjoyable.

(Publisher Website: <http://www.neal-schuman.com/games>)

This book is written primarily for librarians working with first and second year college students. However, the many of the games can be easily adapted for high school and even younger students. If you would like to borrow *Let the Games Begin!*, please call or email the RVLS office.





The spotlight  
is on . . .

# Policies and Procedures

Join System Directors Sharon Osenga and Denise Harders in discussing what should be included in a policies and procedures manual.

Bring your policies and procedures for review and updating.

Don't have any policies and procedures? This is the time to write them! We will provide each library in attendance with a flash drive to save their policies and procedures.

UNK Calvin T. Ryan Library Computer Lab

January 5, 2012

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Cost: Free (lunch on your own)

4 Continuing education credits

This workshop is sponsored by the Meridian Library System and Republican Valley Library Systems.

In case of inclement weather, please call your Systems office to ensure the workshop will be held.

Registration:

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

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration to:

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816 E 25th St., Ste. 7

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1-800-657-2192

308-234-2087

Or

E-mail: [meridian@frontiernet.net](mailto:meridian@frontiernet.net)

## Websites of the Month

### Just Craft Recipes

This craft recipe page has recipes for almost any craft materials you can imagine, including playdough, slime, paints, paste, silly putty, and more. <http://www.justkidsrecipes.com/inxkcr.html>

### KinderArt

KinderArt.com is an award-winning art education website for parents, teachers and children of all ages. KinderArt features free art lesson plans that teachers and parents can use in their home or school classroom. Lesson plans include drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, cross curricular art, multicultural art, seasonal units, recycling projects, textiles, and drama. The content is not only useful and interactive, it's simple to access. <http://www.kinderart.com/index.html>

### Helping Your Child Become a Reader

This publication, by the U.S. Department of Education, offers hints, tips, and "activities for children from infancy through age 6." It includes information on how to get kids started reading, and what to do to help them keep reading. <http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/reader/index.html>

### Storyline Online

Watch and listen as picture book favorites like *Stellaluna* and *The Polar Express* are read aloud by actors from movies and television shows. Site includes ideas for activities relating to each book. <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

### How to Study

This website provides college students with comprehensive advice for developing successful study habits. From organizing study time to note taking skills, this site has all the tools students need. <http://www.howtostudy.org/>

(*Meridian Monitor*, October/November, 2011--<http://www.ipl.org/>)

## National Gaming Day

@ your library

November 12, 2011

Find more information at: <http://ngd.ala.org/>.





## On the Bookshelf

The following audiobooks were recently added to the RVLS Collection:

- ***A Turn in the Road*** by Macomber, Debbie
- ***Kill me if you Can*** by Patterson, James
- ***Miles to Go*** by Evans, Richard Paul
- ***10th Anniversary*** by Patterson, James and Paetro, Maxine
- ***Mobbed*** by Clark, Carol Higgins
- ***Breaking Silence*** by Castillo, Linda
- ***Buried Prey*** by Sanford, John
- ***The Most Dangerous Thing*** by Lippman, Laura
- ***State of Wonder*** by Patchett, Ann
- ***Keep a Little Secret*** by Garlock, Dorothy
- ***Escape*** by Delinsky, Barbara
- ***The Night Circus*** by Morgenstern, Erin
- ***The Language of Flowers*** by Diffenbaugh, Vanessa
- ***Sisterhood Everlasting*** by Brashares, Ann
- ***Then Came You*** by Weiner, Jennifer
- ***Lethal*** by Brown, Sandra
- ***Ghost Story*** by Butcher, Jim
- ***Now You See Her*** by Patterson, James
- ***Buried Secrets*** by Finder, Joseph
- ***Smokin Seventeen*** by Evanovich, Janet
- ***Back of Beyond*** by Box, C. J.
- ***Sixkill*** by Parker, Robert B.
- ***Flash and Bones*** by Reichs, Kathy
- ***For Us, The Living*** by Heinlein, Robert A.
- ***Reilly's Luck*** by L'Amour, Louis
- ***The Borrower*** by Makkai, Rebecca
- ***The Leftovers*** by Perrotta, Tom
- ***One Summer*** by Baldacci, David
- ***Heat Rises*** by Castle, Richard
- ***Prey*** by Howard, Linda
- ***Heartwishes*** by DeVeraux, Jude
- ***Hit List*** by Hamilton, Laurell K.

**A complete listing of our available materials is on our web page [libraries.ne.gov/rvls](http://libraries.ne.gov/rvls) under Services**



## NLA/NEMA Annual Conference

October 5-7, 2011

Lincoln, NE



**Carol Eshelman** from **North Platte Public Library** was the winner of the \$150 stipend sponsored by **Biblionix**. Carol used the stipend toward her NLA membership and her expenses while attending the **Nebraska Library Association Conference** held in Lincoln in October.

Carol reports that she “attended all of the days of the pre-conference and conference. It is so valuable to me to gain new knowledge and ideas from the conference sessions and from networking with fellow librarians. I attended the YART (Young Adult Round Table) business meeting and the SCYP (School Children Young Adult) business meeting. The preconference session entitled *Short Cuts to Greatness* was presented with humor (which I appreciated). This session made us think about what we could do at our library to better serve our patrons. Even great libraries strive to improve. *Programs in a Box* will help me with presentations for my Teen Café group. I’m excited to make use of this idea. *Creating Book Trailers* is another idea I can use with my young adults. I will be able to use many ideas from the session, *Craftable Library*. *Connecting Tweens and Teens with Space* is a series of lessons I plan to use with my teens. The final session which I absolutely need from every NLA conference I attend is *Best Youth Books for 2011*. I attended many more sessions, however, these were the most rewarding since I gained so many usable ideas.”

NOTE: If you were not able to attend the NLA/NEMA conference in Lincoln or if you did attend and just could not make it to all of the sessions that were of interest, please take a look at the handouts that presenters have posted. The web address is: <http://www.slideshare.net/event/nlanema-2012-annual-conference-cultivating-community-connections/slideshows>



**Public Library Statistical Survey**

Due

**February 13, 2012**

# RVLS HAPPENINGS

Jane Hilton, Director at **Elwood Public Library**, reports that construction has started on the new 3,500 sq. ft. facility. They broke ground on October 13, 2011.

An **Open House** was held at the **Auld Public Library** in **Red Cloud** on Tuesday, October 4, from 5-7 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. Library Director, **Terri Eberly** introduced **Devra Dragos**, Technology & Access Services Director for the Nebraska Library Commission, and County **Judge Michael Offner**.

Ms. Dragos highlighted the equipment the Red Cloud library received from the Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities Grant. She also demonstrated the workstation that is loaded with assistive software

including a voice recognition program, a screen reader, and a text magnification program.

Another NLC product that interested many in attendance is the *Nebraska Memories* website. Judge Offner spoke about the importance of having computers and Internet access available to all members of the community. Many government and court services are available online including paying tickets, checking court schedules, downloading forms, and renewing drivers' licenses. Refreshments were served and a door prize drawing was held.

**Dustin Sealey** is new in the library at **Arapahoe Public Schools**. Welcome!

## New Service Provided by RVLS

### Disc Cleaning and Repair



Do your patrons report that library DVDs skip or freeze? Are your games discs unplayable? Do you have an audio book with one disc scratched? The Republican Valley Library System has a **new service** for you! We have acquired an RTI ECO Auto-Smart Disc Cleaning and Repair machine.

From now through June 30, 2012, each RVLS member library may have 25 discs cleaned and repaired for **FREE**. If you have more than 25 discs that need fixing, you may send

them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for 50 cents per disc. If you come to the RVLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 35 cents per disc. A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!

The RTI ECO Auto-Smart is amazing! It will repair almost all scratches, no matter how deep. However, if the disc is cracked, we cannot fix it.

This is a great time to try out this new service...the first 25 discs are free!

## Database Roadshow



On October 17, 2011, Allana Novotny and Susan Knisely from the Nebraska Library Commission presented the Database Roadshow at the Calvin T. Ryan Library on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus. One of the interesting databases highlighted at this workshop is named **Complete Connection**. All Nebraska libraries can use this great resource free of charge through the NebraskaAccess website. A link to this website is on the left side of the RVLS webpage.

**Fiction Connection** is a readers' advisory tool that is updated monthly. Use it to find book suggestions based on books you've read, authors you like, or topics of interest. You can also identify books in a series and determine the order in which they should be read.

**Non-Fiction Connection** is similar, but it allows you to find narrative nonfiction books (titles with characters, storylines and drama that read much like a traditional novel).

**Complete Connection** meshes both databases together. You can search for both fiction and narrative nonfiction at the same time. Once you identify a book your patron likes, you locate it in the database. Use the "Find Similar" button to bring up suggestions for titles that patron might enjoy. Browsing by Topic, Genre, Setting, Character, Location, or Timeline is also enabled.

Try out this great **FREE** resource today!



## RVLS Board Meetings

### 2011-2012

Friday, November 4, 2011

Central Community College—Hastings

Friday, January 6, 2012

Tele-Conference

Friday, March 2, 2012

Tele-Conference

Friday, June 1, 2012—Annual Meeting

Location to be announced

# Mark Your Calendar



|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>November 4</b>      | University of Nebraska-Kearney Learning Commons Ribbon Cutting |
| <b>November 8</b>      | E-Rate Workshop, Calvin T. Ryan Library, UN-K                  |
| <b>November 9</b>      | Critical Conversations for New Library Directors, La Vista     |
| <b>November 11</b>     | Veterans Day—RVLS Office Closed                                |
| <b>November 15</b>     | Arapahoe Public Library Open House                             |
| <b>November 18</b>     | State Advisory Council for Libraries, NLC, Lincoln             |
| <b>November 24-25</b>  | Thanksgiving—RVLS Office Closed                                |
| <b>November 28</b>     | Story time Strategies Workshop, Cozad                          |
| <b>December 9</b>      | Story time Strategies Workshop, Blue Hill                      |
| <b>December 23</b>     | Christmas Eve—RVLS Office Closed in the afternoon              |
| <b>December 26</b>     | Christmas—RVLS Office Closed                                   |
| <b>January 2, 2012</b> | New Year's Day—RVLS Office Closed                              |
| January 5              | Policies & Procedures Workshop, Calvin T. Ryan Library, UN-K   |

## New Book Discussion Kit

The RVLS System Office has 10 copies of *Everlost* by Neal Shusterman.

**IT BEGINS WITH AN ACCIDENT.** Nick and Allie don't survive the crash, and now their souls are stuck halfway between life and death in a sort of limbo called Everlost. It's a magical yet dangerous place, where bands of lost souls run wild and anyone who stands in the same spot too long sinks to the center of the Earth. Frightened and determined, Nick and Allie aren't ready to rest in peace just yet. They want their lives back, and their search for a way home will take them deep into the uncharted areas of Everlost. But the longer they stay, the more they forget about their pasts. And if all memory of home is lost, they may never escape this strange, terrible world. (Grades 8-Up)

If you would like to borrow this set, please call or email the System Office.

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Hastings, NE 68901-4684



Serving Counties:

Adams  
Chase  
Clay  
Dundy  
Franklin  
Frontier  
Furnas  
Gosper  
Harlan  
Hayes  
Hitchcock  
Kearney  
Lincoln  
Logan  
McPherson  
Nuckolls  
Perkins  
Phelps  
Red Willow  
Webster

*“The role of a librarian is to make sense of the world of information. If that’s not a qualification for superhero-dom, what is?”*

Nancy Pearl, as quoted in *Seattle Times*, July 10, 2003