

President's Message



Robin Schrack

It is my honor to be president of the Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA) for 2008-2009. I am so excited to work with the NEMA Executive Board, made up of wonderful, dedicated professionals. We will be working together to serve you throughout the year, so please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have thoughts or concerns about NEMA.

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2008 NLA/NEMA Annual Conference October 15-17, 2008 Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE

There are lots of reasons to join your colleagues at the 2008 NLA/NEMA Annual Conference! Complete information about the conference is available on the conference website at

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/index.html>.

Wednesday, October 15th

Pre-conferences:

1:00-4:00 p.m. **Serving Library Customers With Disabilities**

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **What is a Book Worth? Determining the Value of a Book**

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **The 4 R's: Robots, Romance, Revolvers and Recipes**

Gala at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum Desserts and Fruit! Cash bar!

7-9:30 pm Transportation: Buses run from Cornhusker Hotel beginning 6:50 with the last bus leaving the Quilt Center at 9:30. Cost: \$10 per person

Carrie Turner (Westside-District 66) is the new NEMA president-elect. Carrie has just finished serving the past two years as NEMA secretary and was an AASL Emerging Leader this past year. Sara Churchill (Blair) is the newly elected secretary. Sara has been the chair of the Scholarships & Awards Committee the past two years. The newly elected NEMA board members-at large are Kathy Terrell (Morrill) and Jeanne Bergsten (Kearney). There are some new committee chairs and liaisons as well, including Anne Kalkowski (Omaha) who will be serving as the Scholarship and Awards Committee Chair, Susan Hubbard (Cathedral of the Risen Christ) serving as Student Liaison. Lori Umstead (Millard) is our AASL NE NEMA liaison.

I would like to invite you to attend the 2008 NLA/NEMA Conference, Nebraska Libraries: Vision for the Information Age, in Lincoln on October 15-17. The NLA president-elect, Pam Bohlmeier (Hastings), the conference committee, and I have been working hard to put together a dynamic conference experience including pre-conferences, keynote speakers, programs, and social events. You will find a complete list of these happenings included in this issue of the NEMA News. Check out the conference website at www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008.

Please plan to attend the NEMA annual business meeting after the luncheon on Thursday during Conference. Be sure to visit the NEMA booth during the exhibitor's breaks at conference. This will give you the opportunity to meet our new executive secretary, Jean Hellman, and pick up a copy of the NEMA Member Essentials CD. Hope to see all of you in October! *Robin*

Proposed Dues

The NEMA Board will ask the membership to vote on an increase in the membership dues at the Annual Meeting in October. The last dues increase was in 2001. If approved, the proposed dues would not take effect until October 1, 2009. This would allow members a full year to renew at the current rates. The chart below shows the proposed changes.

\$60.00 to \$75.00	3-Year Individual/Institutional
\$35.00 to \$35.00	1-Year Commercial
\$25.00 to \$30.00	1-Year Individual/Institutional
\$10.00 to \$10.00	1-Year Retired Individual
\$10.00 to \$15.00	1-Year Student

Read Aloud Nebraska

By Joie Taylor, NEMA Liaison RAN Board

What is "Read Aloud Nebraska"? Is your school a Read Aloud Nebraska school? Read Aloud Nebraska (RAN) is an organization that has as its mission to promote healthy, successful children and families through reading aloud, and to foster school and community efforts that develop lifelong readers. The activities and projects of the organization are designed to encourage and promote reading. If you attended the Mem Fox pre-conference last October, you attended a RAN activity. Members of the RAN board have developed informational materials to inform parents and caregivers about the benefits of reading aloud to children. These are available on the RAN website. RAN has also assisted schools with read aloud projects. Currently the board is working to bring an author or reading expert to Nebraska in 2009.

Your school can be a Read Aloud Nebraska school simply by signing up on the website. There are no dues and your only commitment is to sponsor one read aloud activity during the year. In return you have access to reading promotional materials that are available only to members and the opportunity to order books to give to children for the cost of shipping which is 25 cents a book. You can also apply for mini-grants to support reading activities in your school. **Registration is open now through November 1, 2008** for the 2008-2009 school year. If you are currently a RAN member you need to register every year. After you register you will be given a password in order to access member-only materials on the website. To register or find out more about Read Aloud Nebraska go to <http://www.readaloudnebraska.org>.

NEMA Members Needed!

By Judy Henning, Past President

As past president it is my duty to prepare a slate of nominees for NEMA elections in the spring of 2009. Please consider giving of your time and energies to our professional organization. The NEMA nominating committee consists of Anne Kalkowski, Kathy Terrell, and myself. This committee will be looking for members to fill the offices of NEMA president-elect, treasurer and two board members at large for 2009-2010. If interested in serving your professional association, please contact a committee member, and we will share the duties of those board positions. Thank you!

AASL Affiliate Assembly Highlights @ ALA Convention 2008

By Lori Umstead, NEMA AASL Attendee

Our reaffiliation process & reports were completed in May and sent to AASL's, Janice Ostrom.

Notes from AASL President's Report

Sara Kelly Johns, AASL President, 2007-2008

AASL Annual Highlights:

- Held 13th National Conference in Reno with programs aimed towards the future
- Debuted "Standards for the 21st Century Learner" framework. Ongoing work includes task forces for Implementation, Learning Standards Indicators and Assessments, and Program Guidelines.
- Launched first Digital Institute available as part of AASL's e-Academy. Check out affordable self-paced course offerings at www.ala.org/aasl/eacademy
- Released first year results of "School Libraries Count" and initiated second year survey collection. Findings are already being used in advocacy efforts nation wide.
- Increased number of AASL Licensed Institutes, the newest being *Reading and the Secondary School Library Media Specialist*. These institutes educate on critical topics for school library media specialists. www.ala.org/aasl/licensedinstitutes
- Rallied with "Spokane Moms" (this year's Crystal Apple Award winners) in Washington State and participated in National Library Legislative Day, May 13-14 on Capitol Hill in DC. Key issue to promote SKILLS Act & increase funding for libraries. This measure will be taken up again by the next Congress.
- Answered numerous advocacy alerts around the country to support efforts to save school library programs and positions.
- Continued updating of resources available on website, providing toolkits for advocacy, marketing, and other important issues.
- Conducted and acted on a full communications audit as part of AASL's Strategic Plan including; AASLblog updates, *Knowledge Quest*, *Hotlinks* monthly email.
- Planned AASL programs for Annual Conference and the 2008 Fall Forum, *Assessment, Part II: Constructing and Interpreting Viable Tools for Effective Student Learning in the Library Media Center*, October 17-19, 2008.

Affiliate Assembly highlights:

- **Election of officers** included Irene Kwidzinsk as 2009 Affiliate Assembly Chair.
- **President Elect Ann Martin** spoke, challenging us to display "Leadership through professional integrity, collaboration, innovation, involvement, advocacy, and to uphold Intellectual Freedom." She asked each AASL member to actively invite two new members; 'raising our membership raises our voices'.
- **Commendations** passed by the Assembly include: certificate and letter to Follett Library Resources for their time collecting and analyzing statewide collections and sharing this data with state legislators and other stakeholders; commendation to Washington Coalition for School Libraries and Information Technology; commendation to North Dakota Department of Education for improving state licensing requirements and to Valley City State University for improving school library media preparation.
- **Concerns** passed include: establishing a task force to develop rapid response process to address potential school library program cuts; establishing a task force to promote, assist, and recognize National Board Certification process and candidates; establishing a task force to investigate ways to partner with ASCD and other national administrative organizations thus increasing the presence of school library programs; establishing a task force to pursue collaboration between AASL and ISTE in both standards development and program advocacy.
- **Region IX caucus** discussed helping our region affiliate states of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Montana gain presence and representation with the AASL. Currently no delegates from these states are attending AASL events.
- **Announcements for upcoming AASL National Conference 2009, including the release of the RFP for concurrent sessions, which will be due December 1, 2008.**
<http://ala.org/ala/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/charlotte2009.cfm>

Student Liaison Report

By Susan Hubbard

As the newly appointed NEMA student liaison, I was delighted to learn that one of my duties was to share my interviews with Library Media Specialist students attending classes at UNO, UNK, and Chadron State College and learn about the programs being offered at these schools.

Meet Kim Esser. Kim hails from Nebraska City where she attended Lourdes Central Catholic and now teaches there, working in the Library part time. Kim attended Peru State for her undergraduate degree and is attending UNO for her master's degree and endorsement as a Library Media Specialist. She is married and has three children. She and her husband are in the process of adopting a child from China.

I asked Kim what qualities she thought a 21st Century Library Media Specialist should possess and she replied, "I think they need to be up to date with what students are doing and interested in. How can we expect students to learn the "old way" when there are so many new and interesting things being done out there that they are familiar with? I think another quality is the ability to change. We have to be willing to try new stuff even though it may seem scary to us."

Kim was excited about working on the **@your library campaign** that was an assignment in Dr. Pasco's class, and she decided to implement it at her school. Kim worked to encourage different groups to be involved in using the library by planning things for different months during the year. Kim said, "In May I had the local Jaycees, the swim team, and a golf instructor come in to talk about their summer programs/activities."

What advice would Kim give to others who show an interest in school library media as a profession?
"Follow your passion."

**Join your colleagues at the 2008
NLA/NEMA Annual Conference
and
Learn! Laugh! Lead!**

Thursday, October 16

A wide variety of programs of interest to school librarians will be offered on Thursday covering topics such as Open Source Software for School Librarians, E-books, Presentations that Pop, Author Visits, AASL Standards for 21st Century Learners, Fostering Inquiry, Booktalks, the Exploratorium and MORE!

Thursday Keynote Speaker

Dr. Annette Lamb has been a school library media specialist, computer teacher, and professor of education and library science. Annette writes, speaks, and conducts professional development workshops, presentations, and keynotes throughout North America and is well-known for her realistic approaches to technology integration and information inquiry.

Friday, October 17

A wide variety of programs of interest to school librarians will be also be offered on Friday covering topics such as Transforming our Vision, Booktalks, Gaming, the Mad Hatter and the Golden Sower Award presentations.

Friday Keynote Speaker

Kent Haruf is best known for his novels. **Eventide** (2004), was a national best-seller and has been widely celebrated. **The Tie That Binds** received the Whiting Foundation Writers' Award while **Where You Once Belonged** received the Maria Thomas Award for Fiction. **Plainsong** (1999) was a finalist for the National Book Award, the New Yorker Book Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Award and the Book Sense Award.

Early conference registration is August 31! Visit the conference website www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/index.html for more information and to download a registration form. Also, don't forget to reserve your room at this year's conference hotel. Reservations at Lincoln's Cornhusker Hotel at the conference rate are \$119.00. You can call the Cornhusker Hotel at 1-402-474-7474 OR book online at www.thecornhusker.com. Our conference code is NLANLAA. **Remember, the early registration bird gets the discount!**



Job Security Through NEMA

by Carrie Turner and Sara Churchill, NEMA officers

Nebraska is a unique state. Not in the context of the state standard system or quality of steaks, but with regards to our school library media centers. Being a school media specialist in Nebraska provides some unique protection that other states do not have.

According to AASL, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) does not speak to the correlation between school librarians and academic achievement. Across the nation, school library budgets are being cut more frequently as a result. Increasingly, these cuts are taking the form of eliminating school library media specialists as this teaching position is seen as expendable.

The Mesa Public School Board in Arizona voted in June to cut all teacher librarians over a three-year period. There are one third less librarians today in Mesa schools than there were a year ago. Next year, there will be even less.

This frightening trend is happening in the heartland as well. School librarians in Des Moines were victims of a harsh 2004-2005 budget crunch. During the 2003-2004 school year, 9 of the 10 middle schools had full-time librarians. Today, only one of those schools has a full-time librarian. According to Dale Vande Harr, coordinator of libraries and information services for Des Moines Public Schools, checkout rates dropped by 31% after the budget cuts.

Louisiana cut library positions from their schools in 1995 and is still struggling to bring them back. Washington was also on the verge of eliminating information professionals from their schools until a grassroots parent advocacy group successfully convinced the Senate to dedicate \$4 million to funding school libraries.

Here in Nebraska, we are afforded some protection by the State Department of Education's Rule 10. Rule 10 (Title 92, Chapter 10) states that each school system "has a person holding a Nebraska Teaching Certificate with an endorsement appropriate for library science or educational media specialist...on at least a one-half time basis" (p. 26). While we may not have a dedicated funding stream, we do have mandated roles by the Department of Education...at least for now.

Complacency is a risk. Given the precedents set in other states over the last two to three years, we cannot afford to sit back and expect that Rule 10 will always be there to protect us. Rule 10 is constantly under threat and we need to work to ensure it stays in place. NEMA plays a major role in advocating for school librarians.

Every year, NEMA sends representation to legislative days at the state capital, as well as to Washington DC. They meet with senators and legislators to convince them of the vital role media specialists play in student achievement and show them the mountain of research that backs it up. NEMA also appoints a liaison to the Department of Education who maintains a strong voice of advocacy in the Department and works to get media specialists included in state activity. One part of that was the inclusion of two LMS on the state Reading/Writing Standards revision team this past year. You will see their participation when these standards are complete, and the new Standards for the 21st Learner are apparent. You must understand, this would not have occurred without NEMA's own NDE liaison's hard work to assure that our voice is heard.

So, if you wonder what your dues as a NEMA member go to, think of these things. NEMA is our voice. It is difficult to be heard when we stand alone, but together, we will make an impact! As the current political and educational climate shows, we can't sit back and take it for granted that our jobs will always be there. Help NEMA continue its advocacy for school librarians. Renew or join NEMA today so that we are all assured we can continue the great work we do now!

ALA/AASL

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/january2008/rally08.cfm>

School Library Journal

www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6573386.html
www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6545441.html?industryid=47064
www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA529713.html

Rule 10

www.nde.state.ne.us/LEGAL/Rule%2010%20Approved%20by%20Board%20May%202003.pdf

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News from the Talking Books and Braille Advisory Committee

by
Nancy Larimer, Talking Books and Braille Liaison

Keeping up with changing technology is a challenge for everyone, including the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Books and Braille Service. Talking Books patrons currently use cassette recorders and tapes to listen to books and magazines. That will be changing soon.

The National Library Service (NLS) for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is transitioning away from the cassettes that qualified users currently use to a digital cartridge format. Smaller, compact digital players for these cartridges will be available on a limited basis from the NLS starting in January 2009. Even though the full transition to digital will not be complete for six years, there's good news for Nebraska's blind, visually impaired, and physically disabled patrons who wish to convert to the new technology sooner.

Until the NLS-provided players are available, patrons or schools can purchase three commercial readers. These high-quality, easy-to-use readers have cards much like a digital photo card that can hold many books. Recorded books are in a specialized format so they can't be downloaded to a standard CD or MP3. The new digital cartridges can be requested from the Nebraska Library Commission or can be downloaded online by patrons themselves on specialized flash drives/cards. Dozens of Nebraskans have already ordered these machines, and 500 books have been recorded for checkout.



The most economical recorder that can be ordered by patrons is the Victor Reader Stream (DAISY-MP3 and NISO player). This reader, which is about the size of an iPod, costs approximately \$320 plus the cost of the card. Students will no doubt find this format much more appealing than the larger, somewhat clunky recorder now available. Information about ordering the Victor Reader Stream can be

found at

http://www.humanware.com/ennew_zealand/products/dtb_players/compact_models/details/id_81/victorreader_stream.html.

Many of Nebraska's blind and visually impaired students won't want to wait six years for the digital technology provided by the NLS to arrive. Library Media Specialists will want to share the information about the commercially available recorders with administrators, teachers, students and parents. Applications for the players and downloadable audio books and magazines are available from the National Library Service (NLS) for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. To obtain information on all of the options for digital recorders, as well as all the services of the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Books and Braille Service, contact David Oertli (402.471.4038 or 800.742.7691). Email: talkingbook@nlc.state.ne.us

What Got You Hooked on Books?

By Joie Taylor, NEMA Liaison RAN Board

Remember the first book you ever read? What was your favorite book from childhood? What book did you have to read before you would go to sleep? Share that information and help win 50,000 books for students in Nebraska. By participating in First Book's competition, "What Got You Hooked On Books?" you can help Read Aloud Nebraska (RAN) win this contest. It just takes a few minutes and you can vote more than once. For more information and to vote go to <http://www2.firstbook.org/whatbook>.

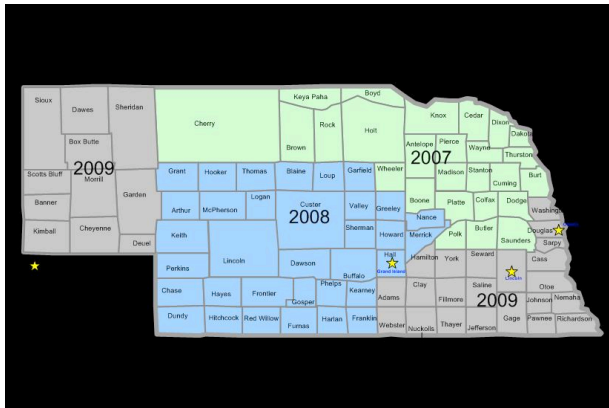
RAN really needs to have you vote because in the last two state competitions Nebraska has come in second to Oklahoma. We can't let that happen again! Check out the web site. Vote! Kids in Nebraska will be the real winners!

Network Nebraska

By Gail Formanack, NDE Liaison

LB 1208 established a Distance Education Network called Network Nebraska. A multipurpose telecommunications backbone is being set up throughout the state according to a timeframe established in the legislation. See the map below illustrating the time frame for the implementation. Many school districts have utilized the network to offer or access distance education courses. Contracts are in place to provide high-speed bandwidth and a statewide synchronous video network, which will allow interactive video exchange among all sectors connected to Network Nebraska, including K-12 schools, colleges and universities, National Guard, Nebraska Video Conference Network, and telehealth medical institutions.

While attending the Nebraska Library Futures conference in June, I visited with Tom Rolfes, who is leading the implementation of this network. He said that much of the sophisticated video conferencing equipment is underutilized. Even though many school districts are using the equipment to offer or access distance education courses, there are significant time periods when this equipment sits unused. He encouraged school library media specialists to learn how to use the equipment and to facilitate the use of this technology for other purposes. Many educational and cultural institutions, such as the Henry Doorly Zoo, have videoconferencing capabilities. Field trips are not always feasible, so library media specialists should seek out and facilitate opportunities to use this technology to bring program resources to their schools.



We can also make use of this equipment to communicate with colleagues across the state. Face-to-face meetings have become more expensive with the price of gas on the rise, so it makes sense to use this equipment to facilitate professional development and discussions. In fact, a group of librarians attending the American Library Association conference in Anaheim, California in June used videoconferencing to communicate with another group of librarians attending the NECC (National Educational Computing Conference) held at the same time in San Antonio, Texas. The NEMA board will utilize the equipment to hold a board meeting by teleconference in January to cut travel expenses and minimize weather-related travel problems.

A Teacher Librarian Videoconference Network (TLVN) has been created to provide collaboration, professional development, and educational specific content. Library media specialists have the opportunity to use these videoconferencing technologies as yet another tool for collaboration and learning. Find out more at:

<http://community/cue.org/group/teacherlibrarians> and <http://teacherlibrarains.ning.com>

If your school district already has this videoconferencing equipment in place, learn how to use it and find opportunities to utilize videoconferencing to bring additional resources to your students and staff.

**Visit the NEMA Booth at
Conference to...**

- ✓ Verify your contact information
- ✓ Visit with Board Members
- ✓ Receive your NEMA Member Essentials CD

New e-mail address for NEMA Executive Secretary: nemacontact@gmail.com

2008 SLJ Leadership Summit

By Judy Henning, Past President

Again this year the NEMA Board decided to send a NEMA member to the 2008 *School Library Journal* Leadership Summit on November 14-15 at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa in Hollywood, Florida. The theme for this year's summit is "Remixing Library Collections for Digital Youth." According to Brian Kenney, *SLJ* editor-in-chief, the 2008 Leadership Summit will bring together publishers, authors, technology leaders, editors, librarians, and other educators to explore where content is headed and how school library media specialists can take advantage of this dynamic world to fully engage both students and teachers.

Keynote speaker for the summit is Anastasia Goodstein, award-winning blogger/tween marketing expert and the author of the book *Totally Wired: What Teens and Tweens are Really Doing Online*. The two days will include a variety of speakers and panels as well as collaborative working groups to examine specific instructional areas.

All current NEMA members interested in attending this leadership summit can submit their name to be drawn by September 15. All expenses will be paid for the 2008 *SLJ* Leadership Summit for the winning NEMA member. To participate in this drawing, submit your name to Judy Henning via email at judy.henning@kearneypublic.org or send your name via U.S. mail to Judy Henning, 30 Camelot Way, Kearney, NE 68845. Only one entry is allowed per member. NEMA winners of past association sponsored professional development trips are not eligible for this drawing.

The NEMA member who is sponsored to attend this event will be required to submit an article on the Leadership Summit for the winter *NEMA News* by Dec. 15, 2008, and also submit a program proposal on the Leadership Summit for the 2009 NLA/NEMA Conference to be in LaVista October 28-30, 2009.

Laura Pietsch, Bellevue East High School, was the NEMA representative who attended the 2007 SLJ Leadership Summit in Phoenix, Arizona.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NEMA Board Meetings

Saturday, September 20, 2008	11:00 AM Lexington Middle School
Saturday, January 31, 2009	10:00 AM Teleconference
Saturday, April 18, 2009	10:00 AM CheriO's, Ashland

State NLA/NEMA Conference October 15-17, 2008, Lincoln Cornhusker (early registration August 31)

Other State Conferences

February 26-28, 2009	NSRA Annual Conference, Kearney
April 23-24, 2009	NETA Spring Conference, LaVista

National Conferences

October 17-19, 2008	AASL Fall Forum, Oakbrook, IL
November 14-15, 2008	SLJ Leadership Summit, Hollywood, FL
January 23-26, 2009	ALA Midwinter, Denver, CO
June 28-July 1, 2009	NECC Conference, Washington, DC
July 9-15, 2009	ALA Conference, Chicago, IL
November 4-8, 2009	AASL Conference, Charlotte, NC

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NEMA



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NEMA Membership Application

New Renewal

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Institution _____

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ESU, if applicable _____

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Already on listserv

My contact information can be released in
NEMA's Membership Directory Yes No

Signature _____

Dues: All memberships run October 1 to September 30.

Make checks payable to:
Nebraska Educational Media Association.
Send to: **Jean Hellman, Executive Secretary,**
2925 Drawbridge Ct., Lincoln, NE 68516

I would be interested in serving NEMA:

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Election

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Program/Conference

Publications

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Other organizations in which I am a member:

AASL

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ALA

MPLA

NETA

NLA

SCYP

Other _____

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\$25.00 1-Year Individual/Institutional

\$10.00 1-Year Retired Individual

\$10.00 1-Year Student

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2008 NLA/NEMA Conference

October 15-17, 2008

Cornhusker Marriott Hotel
Lincoln, NE

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/index.html>

WEDNESDAY 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Pre-Conference Programs

The 4 R's: Robots, Romance, Revolvers, and Recipes

- Kevin J. Anderson, Sean Doolittle, Victoria Alexander and Jessica Cobi

Serving Library Customer With Disabilities

- Kathleen Newman, M.A., COMS

What Is A Book Worth? Determining The Value Of A Book

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm International Quilt Museum Gala

Transportation: Buses run from the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel beginning at 6:50 pm with the last bus leaving the Quilt Center at 9:30 pm

Address: 33rd and Holdrege, on-street parking only

Menu: Desserts and Fruit! Cash Bar!

Museum: Quilt Galleries and the Virtual Quilt Gallery will be open

Exhibitions: Pojagi: Patchwork & Quilts from Korea and Finalists from the Mountain Mist Eco-Friendly Quilt Competition

Cost: \$10 per person

Discover the world of QUILTS!

The glass and brick building, designed by the internationally renowned Robert A.M. Stern Architects of New York, houses the world's largest collection of more than 2,300 quilts and an international study center dedicated to the research, preservation, and display of important quilts from cultures around the world. A Virtual Quilt Gallery provides multimedia, interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. Individuals may design a quilt; inspect details of quilts from over a thousand archived images, and record quilt stories on topics including family memories, artistic inspiration, quilt, history, or reflection on their visit to the museum. For more information about the Quilt Center, visit: <http://www.quiltstudy.org>

THURSDAY

7:00 am-4:30 pm CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

7:30 am-8:30 am COFFEE AND ROLLS – Atrium

**8:00 am-8:50 am NLA PAST PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST
Cornhusker**

8:00 am-5:30 pm EXHIBITS OPEN

10:00 am-10:50 am EXHIBITOR'S BREAK - Grand Ballroom

8:00 - 8:50 am FIRST THURSDAY SESSION

Yankee Hill II The Untold Stories Of The Library Renovation Project *Cecelia Lawrence - Library Director, North Platte Public Library* In 2007, the North Platte Public Library went through several major renovation project phases. This presentation showcases the library staff living through the ups and downs of a medium-scale project.

Arbor I & II Pwning the Vision With Library 2.0: Upgrading The Academic Library (Part 1 of 2) *Ben Brick - Director, Grace University; Scott Childers - Assistant Systems Librarian, UNL; Barbara Cornelius - Head of Library Technology & Archivist, Nebraska Wesleyan; Susan Franklin - Public Services Librarian, Hastings College; Eric Petersen -Reference/Public Services Librarian, Dana College* No, you did not find a typo! Come learn more at this session where we will share how five academic librarians are using Library 2.0 to achieve their visions. We will include our successes and challenges with using social media and online tools that enable content collaboration (wikis, GoogleDocs); media sharing (YouTube, Flickr); social networking (Facebook, LinkedIn); and communication (IM, Skype).

Yankee Hill I NMRT Speed Networking *NMRT Officers* A quick way to meet and greet NMRT members. Sponsored by: NMRT.

Yankee Hill III Intellectual Freedom In My Library *Jim Heckle - Director, Great Falls (MT) Public Library* The First Amendment as it applies to libraries and the USA PATRIOT ACT. Jim is the recipient of the Montana Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Award, and MPLA's Intellectual Freedom Award (2001).

Lancaster I Presentations That Pop! *Theresa Gosnell - Library Media Specialist, Westside District 66; Carrie Turner - Library Media Specialist, Westside District 66* Are you bored stiff with the same old PowerPoint and/or iMovie presentations? Help your students and staff break away from the crowd and create novel and compelling presentations.

Lancaster II WeeRead *Jean Slowinski - Youth Services Librarian, Gretna Public Library; Natasha Tasler - Assistant Youth Services Librarian, Gretna Public Library*
WeeRead is a music, movement, and story time program for babies newborn up to age 3, and their caregivers.

Hawthorne Wikifying Your Workplace: Using Wikis for Internal Library Operations *Audrey DeFrank - Director of Public Services, UNO Criss Library; Karen Hein - Director of Library Operations, UNO Criss Library* Web 2.0 technologies offer opportunities to move libraries forward not only in enhancing services to patrons, but also in transforming the behind-the-scenes processes that support these initiatives. This session will describe what wikis are and how this Web 2.0 technology works, including examples of use in a variety of environments.

Lancaster III Open Source Software: Free Tech Tools for School & Youth Services Librarians. *Becky Pasco - Coordinator, Library Science Education, UNO* This session will highlight a variety of open source software available free of charge for use by librarians to support instruction and recreational programming for youth.

9:00-9:50 am SECOND THURSDAY SESSION

Yankee Hill I Fundraising For Sustainability *Nebraska Community Foundation staff.*
The Nebraska Community Foundation will provide a session that summarizes the summer workshops on building community endowment funds and will also offer tips and techniques for fundraising.

Arbor I & II Pwning The Vision With Library 2.0: Upgrading The Academic Library (Part 2) *Ben Brick - Director, Grace University; Scott Childers - Assistant Systems Librarian, UNL; Barbara Cornelius - Head of Library Technology & Archivist, Nebraska Wesleyan; Susan Franklin Public Services Librarian, Hastings College; Eric Petersen - Reference Public Services Librarian, Dana College* The presenters will continue their discussion on how they are using Library 2.0.

Olive Branch Holding It Together *Karla Hooper - Director, Hooper Public Library* Tips on coping with stress and challenges once you choose a job that fits you!

Hawthorne Forging New Frontiers: A Statewide Open Source ILS For Nebraska *Susan Knisely - Network Services Director, NLC; Greg Mickells - Assistant Director of Lincoln City Libraries; Ted Smith - Library Director, Norfolk Public Library (ONE Library Consortium); Pam Soreide - Library Director, Holdrege Area Public Library; Deirdre Routt - Technical Services Manager, Omaha Public Library* Discussion about the planned statewide ILS using open source ILS such as Evergreen and Koha.

Garrat I & II E-Book That Reference *Pat Gross - Media Specialist, Gering Public Schools* Expand your walls with thousands of reference books and never shift a shelf. Pat will present a discussion on how to incorporate Nebraska Library Commission's eBook collection into your Media Center to support your High School curriculum.

Yankee Hill III Reaching Out To Spanish Speakers *Kathryn Brockmeier - Library Assistant, Hastings Public Library* This session will celebrate ways to reach out to the Hispanic/Latino community.

Ivanhoe Live Links: Helping Customers With Online Nebraska Government Publications That Won't Disappear *Beth Goble - Director of Government Information Services, NLC; Bonnie Henzel - State Documents Staff Assistant, NLC; Mary Magee - Education & Nebraska Liaison, National Network of Libraries of Medicine; Colleen Svoboda - Program Coordinator, Office of Community Health Development, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services* The Library Commission Publications Clearinghouse is downloading hundreds of Nebraska government publications and storing them for permanent access. Panel members will describe how the program works, explain how libraries can easily provide access to them, and highlight some health publications.

Yankee Hill II Best New Youth Books of 2008 *Sally Snyder - Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services, NLC* Brief book talks of titles you may or may not have heard any buzz about, but would be good choices for your library collection. Titles starting with teens and going back through preschool age will be highlighted.

10:00 - 10:50 am EXHIBITORS' BREAK - Grand Ballroom

11:00 - 12:00 pm ANNETTE LAMB KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Lancaster

1:40 - 2:30 pm THIRD THURSDAY SESSION

Yankee Hill III Exploratorium

Olive Branch Future Harvest: The NLA Legacy Fund's Next 5-Year Campaign *Doug Freidli - Development Director, Nebraska Community Foundation; Members of the NLA Finance Committee* The NLA Planned Giving Program's goal is to support library education and public awareness throughout the state via the NLA Legacy Fund. A panel of presenters from the Nebraska Community Foundation, which manages the Legacy Fund, and the NLA Finance Committee, will explain the Planned Giving Program, why it's important for you and for Nebraska libraries.

Garrat We Raise 'Em Young: How Enriching Library Experiences Germinate New Student Scholars at a Small Liberal Arts College *Eric Petersen - Assistant Director of Library Services, & Reference/Public Services Librarian, Dana College; Jon Brown - Undergraduate History Student, Dana College; John W. Nielsen - Director, Danish American Archive and Library, Dana College.* Learn how Dana College's Library and history department have worked together to foster our budding scholars' understanding and appreciation of our special collections, encouraged opportunities for students to make their work available to the global immigrant research community, and generally enhanced students' classroom experiences through the testimonial of one of our young immigration history scholars.

Hawthorne Notable Books, 2008 *Pat Leach - Supervisor of Youth Services, Lincoln City Libraries* As she has for several years, Pat will present titles on the ALA Notable Books list (adult).

12:00 - 1:30 pm LUNCHEONS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Arbor I & II NLA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Yankee Hill I & II NEMA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Lancaster I Can We Talk?: Civil Discourse In The Public Arena *Jim Heckle - Director, Great Falls (MT) Public Library* Jim will report on the 2008 conference in Great Falls, MT dealing with conflict resolution. It offered techniques to help resolve issues generated by polarized points of view and covered the importance of respect, "invite the stranger", and listening.

Lancaster V & VI E-Scrapbooking Synergy: Where Natural And Virtual Worlds Meet *Annette Lamb, PhD. - Indiana University at Indianapolis (IUPUI)* From local history videos to digital science fairs, authentic technology projects bring learning to life. Promote deep understanding and address individual differences by combining the power of primary sources with student-produced text, photographs, graphs, audio, and video. Try out seven e-scrapbooking starters to boost student success.

Lancaster II Author Visit FAQs *Glenda Willnerd - Coordinator of Library Media Services, Lincoln Public Schools* Want to host an author, but don't know where to begin? What shall I do after the author leaves? What's available if I can't afford to host a "live" author? Learn the answers to these questions and more if you would like to host an author visit.

Lancaster III Real Life Experience With Overdrive eAudio in Nebraska Libraries: A Panel Discussion *Todd Schlecthe-Assistant Library Director, Gretna Public Library; Ted Smith-Director, Norfolk Public Library; Denise Lawver-Director, Wahoo Public Library; Mary Jo Mack-Director, John A. Stahl Library; Shannon White - Network Services Director, NLC* Dozens of Nebraska libraries are now offering downloadable materials to their patrons. We will discuss our experiences with the service.

Lancaster IV Be Creative @ your library: Summer Reading Program 2009 *Sally Snyder - Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services, NLC* Listen to brief book talks pertaining to the 2009 Summer Reading Program themes: "Be Creative @ your library" (children) and "Express Yourself @ your library (teen).

3:40 - 4:30 pm FOURTH THURSDAY SESSION

Yankee Hill II FOLUSA How To Make And Keep "Friends" For Your Library

Richard Miller - Library Development Director, NLC How your library can use the FOLUSA's (Friends of Libraries, USA) services to enhance fundraising, advocacy, and public awareness.

Garrat Your Library Is More Than The Sum Of Its Departments

Angela Kroeger - Library Associate, UNO Criss Library No department operates in a vacuum. Communication and cross-training are the keys to understanding how the work of each library department interweaves with the others, and this broader understanding leads to more effective work.

Olive Branch Integrating RSS Into Your Web Site *Michael Sauers - Technology Innovation Librarian, NLC* RSS feeds are an excellent way to receive information from the Internet. What many people don't know is that you can receive that information and easily repurpose and republish it on your web site with little technical know-how. Our expert Internet trainer shows you how.

Lancaster I, II & III Dewey Or Don't We *Becky Baker - Seward Memorial Library; Kim McCain - Tri-County Schools; Lee Bookstore representative* Information panel discussion on the planning involved and implementation of the change from Dewey to a subject based shelf organization. Additional input from a local bookstore on the subject based organization and the way people look for books.

Lancaster IV, V & VI Standards For 21st Century Learners *Gail Formanack - Supervisor of Library Services, Omaha Public Schools* The new AASL standards will be discussed and correlations identified with the framework developed by the Partnership for 21st Century Learning.

Hawthorne SPICE UP Your Programming For Young Children With Spanish Language Experiences *Karen Drevo - Youth Services Librarian, Norfolk Public Library* A fun workshop for librarians, teachers, and child care providers who speak little or no Spanish. Learn the basic tools and know-how to immediately add Spanish language experiences to your usual programming for young children.

Yankee Hill III 24/7 Librarianship: Services & Instruction Through Digital Tutorials *Mindy Rush, Emily Nimsakont, Martha Grenzeback, Kathryn Willis - MLS students; Dr. Becky Pasco - Coordinator, Library Science Education, UNO* Ever wondered how to provide services when the library is closed? The use of digital tutorials can provide information and instruction in support of services and outreach. This session will demonstrate 5 tutorials that support the mission of all libraries to connect people with information.

Arbor I & II Teen Technology 101: Facebook, YouTube & My Space *Kathy Ellerton - System Administrator, Northeast Library System* Tired of teens huddled over a computer watching YouTube videos? What is the difference between MySpace and Facebook? What is the next big thing for teens and technology? Find answers for these questions at this session.

4:40 - 5:30 pm FIFTH THURSDAY SESSION

President's Suite **GLBTA Mixer**

Yankee Hill I **NMRT Business Meeting/Mixer**

Ivanhoe **ITART Business Meeting**

Garrat One Book Many Librarians *Brenda Ealey - Administrator, Southeast Library System; Jenni Puchalla - Staff Assistant, Southeast Library System* Come join us for a community of librarians' discussion of Ken Haruf's book, *Eventide*. Refreshments will be served.

Yankee Hill III The Value Of Reading Aloud *Sally Snyder -Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services, NLC; Pat Leach - Youth Services Coordinator, Lincoln City Libraries* Learn about the research that revealed the 30 million word gap for children from birth to age 4. Hear some highlights of Jim Trelease's campaign to encourage parents (and others!) to read aloud to their children.

Lancaster I, II & III Digital Comics, Graphic Novels, Sequential Art And Technology Enhanced Learning *Annette Lamb, PhD. - Indiana University at Indianapolis (IUPUI)* Let's address standards, challenge students, and instill a love of learning in young people through engaging, visually-rich resources and activities. Learn to integrate the growing body of quality print and web-based graphic reading resources for young people across the K12 curriculum.

Hawthorne Fostering Inquiry In The Classroom For The 21st Century Learner *Judy Henning - Director of Media Services, Kearney Public Schools; Tracy Schall - Media Specialist, Kearney Public Schools* AASL'S Standards for the 21st-Century Learner make media specialists responsible for teaching students to use skills, resources and tools to inquire and think critically. This session will use inquiry strategies for problem solving as described by Barbara Stripling, Director of Library Services for New York City Department of Education.

Arbor I Conducting Live Online Events Using OPAL *Diane Wells -Computer Support Services, NLC* You can host your very own online meeting or training event free. Using OPAL, you and your participants can interact via voice-over-IP, text chatting, and synchronized browsing. In this session, we will conduct a short, live OPAL meeting, run through a guided how-to for essential OPAL tasks, and wrap up with Q & A of current OPAL users.

Arbor II Envisioning Teens Reading *Mary Reiman - Director of Media Services, Lincoln Public Schools; Tara Glunz-Fries - Media Specialist, North Star High School* Booktalks! Come hear about new titles your teens and young adult patrons will want to read.

5:30 - 6:30 pm EXHIBITOR'S BASH - Grand Ballroom

6:45 - 9:00 pm NLA / NEMA BANQUET - Lancaster Room

9:00 - 11:30 pm CASINO ROYALE NIGHT - Arbor Room

Bring your money, your skill, and your luck for a night of fun that benefits the Legacy Fund. Thursday night after the banquet, or at 9:00 p.m., whichever is earliest, come join us in the Arbor Room to play poker, roulette, bingo, craps, and blackjack. Bankroll yourself to fame and fortune, while helping a worthy cause. And don't worry if you don't know how to play, we will be there to give you instructions. Pull out your ritziest evening wear, your exotic foreign accents, and come try your luck! Ladies, now is the time to dress up in your gold lame, feather boas, slinky dresses, and lots of "bling". Gents, the look for you is "James Bond", so go all out! Of course, you are welcome to come mingle and be one of the beautiful people even if you don't want to play. There will be a cash bar where you can buy your favorite beverage, including a martini, shaken not stirred, of course. Get 25 chips for \$5 with similar rules to last year's gaming event. So, come join us for an evening of fun! We hope to see you all there! Sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems.

FRIDAY

7:00 am - 11:30 am CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

7:30 am - 8:30 am COFFEE AND ROLLS - Atrium

8:00 - 8:50 am FIRST FRIDAY SESSION

Hawthorne Not Just A Building Project - Working On A "Built-To-Last" Library
Steve Fosselman - Director, Grand Island Public Library; Patsy Arnold - Librarian II, Grand Island Public Library Despite the latest prediction of libraries' extinction by 2019, staff and board at GIPL have been working for years on mechanisms to increase the value of their services and to prepare for a future well beyond 2019. This program reviews a process for this library's long-term success.

Garrat You Can Find A Needle In A Haystack: Archival Finding Aids Made Easy
John Schleicher - Head of Special Collection, UNMC; Peggy Finch - Serials Assistant, UNMC; Tim Ivins - Archives Assistant, UNMC How do you make materials easier to locate in archival collections? Join library staff from special collects to find out how to compile basic aids for your archival collections.

Ivanhoe Star Reference Manual: Your Guide for Serving all Your Customers
Julie Pinnell - Information Services Librarian, NLC Introduction to the STAR Reference Manual as a guide to providing excellent customer service to every library patron.

Yankee Hill III Creative Commons And The Free Culture Movement *Michael Sauers - Technology Innovation Librarian - NLC Karen Dalziel - Graduate Student, University of Missouri-Columbia* This presentation will deal with the principles of Creative Commons, show how you can easily apply it to your intellectual property today, and how you can use CC to find material that you can legally reuse in the creation of new content.

Arbor I & II Information Age Instruments: Google Applications & Other Free Online Tools *Karen Hein - Director of Operations, UNO Criss Library* This session will explore various free online tools, such as Google Applications, available to meet storage and collaborative needs.

Olive Branch Life After One Book, One Nebraska *Sarah Polak - Director, Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center* Ever wonder what happens after One Book, One Nebraska? OBON 2007 Chairperson will share how the program affected not only the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, but how the response from Nebraska Libraries has affected the Center as well.

Yankee Hill II Let The Databases Do The Work For You *Allana Novotny - Network Services Librarian, NLC* Want to be notified when your favorite author has released a new title? Do you find yourself performing the same search over and over? Learn how to put the NebraskaAccess databases to work for you by setting up alerts and saved searches.

Lancaster IV, V & VI Golden Sower Awards Presentation (Part 1) Presentation of the 2008 Nebraska Childrens Choice awards to authors and illustrators of outstanding books written for children and young people. Attending the conference are Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel, authors and illustrator of *The Great Fuzz Frenzy*, and Betty G. Birney, author of *The World According to Humphrey*. Unable to attend the conference: Rick Riordan, author of *The Lightning Thief*.

9:00 - 9:50 am SECOND FRIDAY SESSION

Hawthorne Low And No Cost Marketing For Libraries *Lisa Voss - Library Assistant III, Lincoln City Libraries; Barbara Hansen - Administrative Aide, Lincoln City Libraries; Julie Pinnell - Information Services Librarian, Lincoln City Libraries* Learn new ways to use emerging technologies like wikis, podcasts, blogs, and widgets to get the word out about what's happening at your library.

Garrat Bringing Semantic Diversity To The Online Catalog With LibraryThing™ *Rachel Erb - Systems Librarian, UNO Criss Library; Melissa Cast-Brede - Education Librarian, UNO Criss Library* As part of the web OPAC redesign project at UNO, LibraryThing™ tags will cover the practical aspects of adding LibraryThing™ tags to most vendor-based OPACs, address the variety of tags employed and offer ideas for effective tagging.

Ivanhoe Library Learning Opportunities: An Information Age Professional Development Resource *Members of the Sub-Committee of the Nebraska Professional Development Group (Karen Hein - UNO Criss Library, Marjorie Harrison - NLC, Laura Johnson - NLC, Bridget Kratt - UNO, Marty Magee - UNMC, Dr. Becky Pasco - UNO, Mary Reiman - Lincoln Public Schools, Shannon White - NLC)* This session will highlight a statewide initiative to create a resource where learning opportunities for librarians can be easily identified and accessed.

Yankee Hill II Nebraska Library Futures Conference: Outcomes And Implications For Libraries *Deb Pearson - Circulation Librarian and Facilities Manager, UNL Love Library; Joan Glesecke - Dean, UNL Libraries; Nancy Busch - Associate Dean, UNL Libraries* Participants from the Nebraska Futures Conference Panel members will share their insights from the 2008 Nebraska Library Futures conference and answer questions about conference outcomes and the future of Nebraska library and information services.

Arbor I & II Transforming Our Vision For The Information Age (Part 1 of 2) *Joie Taylor - Media Specialist, Columbus Public Schools* Based on the book, *The Power To Transform*, this session will cover why Dr. Marshall thinks a vast change is needed in our current patterns, processes, and structures of schooling. The session will show how this relates to the new information literacy standards. Discussion time will be provided.

Olive Branch Nebraska Memories - The Easy Way *Devra Dragos - Cataloging Librarian, NLC; Lori Sailors - Federal Documents Staff Assistant, NLC* Is your library, local historical society or museum mulling over ways to get historical photos, documents, slides, or other items on the web so more than just those who visit your physical space can see what you have to offer? Come see a live demonstration of what the Nebraska Library Commission can do to help.

Yankee Hill III Computer Training *Marcy Graybill - Circulation Desk Supervisor, Lincoln City Libraries; Erin Stutzman - Library Assistant III, Lincoln City Libraries; Karen McCoy - Library Assistant II, Lincoln City Libraries* Computer Training for adults from small classes and on-on-one training including handouts and evaluations. Topics include "Creating Curriculum" and "How to teach adults with stage fright".

Lancaster IV, V & VI Golden Sower Awards Presentation (part 2) Continuation of the presentation of the 2008 Nebraska Children's Choice awards to authors and illustrators of outstanding books.

10:00 - 10:50 am THIRD FRIDAY SESSION

Yankee Hill II Collaborative Partnering In Library Design *Robert Mabrey, Doug Peters, and Kevin Schluckebier - AIA* Through collaborative partnering, communities can benefit from the efficiencies of co-located facilities. Learn how Nebraska libraries and communities are taking advantage of partnership opportunities.

Ivanhoe New Possibilities In Archive Collection Management & Presentation *Mary Ellen Ducey - University Archivist, UNL; Peterson Brink - Archives Specialist, UNL; Traci Robinson - Archives Associate, UNL* New tools for archive collection management, such as Archon and the Archivist's Toolkit, along with the capability to represent portions of an archival collection through various online tools, are creating exciting new opportunities for archival repositories.

Garrat Zotero & RefWorks: It Doesn't Have To Be Either/Or *Karin Dalziel - Library Assistant/Graduate Student, University of Missouri - Columbia* Zotero (www.zotero.org) is a free, open source bibliographic management software. Karin will explain Zotero and show its uses, as well as discuss how Zotero is both similar and different from RefWorks.

Olive Branch Political Influence: How You can Be Effective Libraries are already political. Find out how you can "play" more effectively!

Arbor I & II Transforming Our Vision For The Information Age (part 2 of 2) *Joie Taylor - Media Specialist, Columbus Public Schools* Joie will continue her presentation on how a vast change is needed in our current patterns, processes, and structure of schooling, and how these changes relate to the new information literacy standards.

Hawthorne It's Tourney Time! How To Do A Gaming Tournament @ your library! *Sean Story - Virtual Services Librarian, Lincoln City Libraries* Sean Story, LCL Virtual Services Librarian and Gaming Guru will explain the nuts and bolts of setting up a gaming tournament. If you've wanted to start gaming tournaments in your library but weren't sure how to go about it, this presentation is for you!

Yankee Hill III Skype In The Library *John Seyfarth - Information Technology Manager, Sump Memorial Library* A demonstration of Skype as a free service for persons in the library to communicate with others elsewhere using a web camera. We will have a camera, projector and equipment list set up so that people can see how it works.

Lancaster IV, V & VI Golden Sower Autographing from the winning Golden Sower Award authors and illustrators.

11:00 - 11:50 am EXHIBITORS' BREAK - Grand Ballroom

12:00 - 1:30 pm LUNCHEONS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Hawthorne	C&U Luncheon
Ivanhoe	S&I Luncheon
Arbor I & II	PLTS Luncheon
Yankee Hill III	MAD HATTER Luncheon
Olive Branch	Paraprofessional Section Luncheon

1:40 - 2:40 pm KENT HARUF KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Lancaster

2:50 - 3:40 pm FOURTH FRIDAY SESSION

Garrat The Critical Role Of Technology And Furnishings For Libraries *Kent Munster - Interior Designer; Jennifer Klein - Electrical Engineer* This presentation will focus on the integration of technology with furniture to create an enjoyable library experience

Hawthorne Strategic Planning For The Information Age *Rene Erlandson - Head of Technical Services and Systems, UNK* This session will provide you with basic information on creating a strategic plan for your library and offer suggestions on how to integrate Library 2.0 concepts into your library's planning process.

Ivanhoe How Books Are Made *Sheila Siegler, PhD. - Paper Conservator and Conservation Scientist* This session will look at some of the different ways to make a book and what effect different binding methods can have on the longevity of the book.

Olive Branch Celebrating 25 Years: 2008 Year Of The Paraprofessional *La Raine Cihak - Para Chair for 2008, NLC* Celebrating 25 years of the Para Section: history, paras past and present, website, where we've been and where we're going.

Arbor I Relax, Sit Back, Let's Talk: A Conversation On Intellectual Freedom *NLA Intellectual Freedom Committee* Here's your opportunity to talk about Intellectual Freedom issues/stories that are happening nationally, statewide, and locally. Refreshments.

Yankee Hill III Best New Books For Elementary & Young Adult *Lora Leibrandt - Librarian, Lewis & Clark Middle School; Jo O'Garro - Librarian, Central Park Elementary School* Hear about new books, overlooked books, and some books you might hate but kids will love!

Yankee Hill II Leading Or Starting A Book Group *Ted Smith - Director of Norfolk Public Library; Vicki Wood - Youth Services Librarian, Lincoln City Libraries; Lisa Kelly - Director of Information Services - NLC* Learn book club tips from seasoned veterans and trainers.

Yankee Hill I Relevancy Ranking Systems In Search Engines & OPACS *Scott Childers - Assistant Systems Librarian, UNL Love Library* This session will give an introduction to the concept of relevance ranking systems.

Arbor II Golden Sower 2.0 *Sara Churchill - Media Specialist, Blair Public Schools* Learn how to use wikis, podcasts, and blogs to promote the 2008-2009 Golden Sower books.

3:50 - 4:40 pm FIFTH FRIDAY SESSION

Ivanhoe TSRT Business Meeting

Yankee Hill I NLA's Emerging Leader: Jumping In Feet First With ALA *Marcia Dority Baker - Access Services Coordinator and Circulation Supervisor, UNL Schmid Law Library* NLA sponsored Marcia Dority Baker to be a participant in the 2008 ALA's Emerging Leader class. Ms. Dority Baker will be sharing her experiences with the program.

Ivanhoe Nebraska Federal Writers Project: Remembering Writers of the 1930's *Steve Cloyd - Library Assistant II, Lincoln City Libraries Heritage Room Meredith McGowan - Curator, Lincoln City Libraries Heritage Room* You'll find interesting information about the Nebraska Federal Writers Project on a web exhibit.

Arbor I Political Issues Facing Nebraska *Various Senators from different communities* What should Nebraska Librarians and Media Specialists know about state-wide issues? Hear from those who deal with those issues through state budget and laws.

Garrat The Flippins: A Nebraska Story, An American Story *Kathy Nelson - Assistant Librarian, Stromsburg Public Library* George Flippin was the most notable first African-American to play football for UNL. He followed his father to Stromsburg and practiced medicine there until his death in 1929. George Flippin was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 1974. Hear the story of the four generations of Flippins who lived in Stromsburg from 1901-1934.

Arbor II Amazon's Kindle™ Wireless Reading Device: Is it the Future of Interlibrary Loan? *Stephen R. Shorb - Dean, UNO Criss Library; Joyce Neujahr - Access Services Librarian, UNO Criss Library* The presentation details an actual implementation of "Kindle™ Loan" services. Both the concept of how wireless readers change library services, and the practical issues such as borrowing policies and copyright clearance are examined.

Hawthorne Making Music A Story Time Staple *Alice Boeckman - Children's Services Librarian, Bellevue Public Library* The importance of music in child development and a variety of ways to incorporate music into story times will be discussed. Practical applications for both the musically gifted and the musically challenged will be provided.



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Conference Registration

Payment must accompany registration. Mail correspondence must be postmarked by stated deadlines.

Full Conference	Early (Before Aug 31.)	Late (Sept. 1-30)	Onsite (after Oct. 1)
NLA/NEMA member	\$60	\$70	\$90
Nonmember	\$75	\$90	\$110
Full-time Student	\$25	\$35	\$45
Exhibitor/Spouse	\$15	\$15	\$15

One Day (Circle One) Thursday Friday

NLA/NEMA member	\$35	\$50	\$65
Nonmember	\$60	\$75	\$95
Full-time Student	\$20	\$30	\$35
Exhibitor/Spouse	\$15	\$15	\$15

Wednesday Evening Program – International Quilt Study Center & Museum Gala \$10 \$ _____

MEALS (no meal tickets will be sold onsite at the conference)

Thursday: Chicken Oscar; Vegetarian Option - Tortellini Rosa \$20.00
 NLA Business Meeting Luncheon \$ _____
 NEMA Business Meeting Luncheon \$ _____
 NLA/NEMA Banquet: Arbor Buffet \$35.00 \$ _____
Friday: Windsor Pork Loin; Vegetarian Option – Champagne Pasta \$20.00 \$ _____
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 ___ Public Library/Trustees Section

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