



## Nebraska Libraries: Looking Back, Looking to the Future

Mark your calendars for October 13-15, 2010 to attend the NLA/NEMA Conference in Grand Island.

The success of this annual conference depends on people's willingness to share what they are doing in their own schools. There are times when you are doing something that may not seem all that wonderful in your eyes, maybe not even worth sharing. The truth is, you are probably doing something others would consider is a great idea! So, think hard about what you can share and then fill out a proposal form, available on the NEMA and NLA websites and in this newsletter. Grand Island and your fellow school librarians are waiting!

## President's Message

By Carrie Turner



Our country and schools have been and still are, facing economic hardships. School districts are looking for ways to cut budgets to save money. It is at times like these that school libraries are most needed. But how do we assure our administrators and parents know this?

While attending the NLA/NEMA Fall Conference in La Vista, I had a discussion with one of our NEMA colleagues. She works in a district where the superintendent and principal do not understand the importance of what we do. They wanted to dilute her ability to teach information literacy, even more than it already was, by asking her to teach more classes in a different department than library media.

As school districts are faced with decisions about cutting budgets, this scenario may be reenacted more often. We in NEMA know the vital role a school librarian plays in the educational process. So how do we assure our administration knows this as well?

The Nebraska Educational Media Association advocates for school libraries, at the district, state and national levels. We will have representation at the fall Administrator Days to assure your administration has seen the new Standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner.

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## **NLA Library Legislative Day by Mary Reiman**

The 2010 Nebraska Library Association Legislative Day began at the State Capitol with coffee and rolls with senators and Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy. Librarians and trustees from across the state were briefed by Nebraska Library Commission's Director Rod Wagner. He shared these public library statistics:

- 13,452,640 items were borrowed from Nebraska public libraries in 2008
- 86% of Nebraska public libraries provide free Internet access
- 57% have wireless Internet access in the building
- 8,606,618 visited Nebraska public libraries in 2008

NLA Lobbyist Ken Winston talked about LB898, the Student Free Expression bill endorsed by NLA. The bill is still in committee where they are working on amendments. There is ongoing support by NLA for first amendment issues. Ken also suggested we continue to find library champions, senators who will be our advocates.

Governor Dave Heineman joined us during the morning session. He thanked us for the work we do in libraries. He then addressed his two most important issues: education and the vitality of the state. We don't spend money we don't have and we need to remain financially strong. Our children live in a knowledge-based, digital-driven, global economy. He is chair of the P-16 work focusing on taking action and developing goals related to education. The core curriculum is being redesigned so the graduation requirements reflect the needs of our students in the future. Nebraska has applied for the Race to the Top grant. A Nebraska virtual high school is being created to give students more opportunities.

Scott Berryman was the morning keynote speaker, addressing the topic of library advocacy. He was on the Board of Trustees of Sump Memorial Library in Papillion and is currently on the Board of Directors for the Eastern Library System. He gave us information about influencing public policy:

- The Nebraska Library Commission is a non-code agency
- Cheryl Wolff is the policy advisor in the Governor's Policy Research Office responsible for the Nebraska Library Commission
- Contact senators
- Organize more, mobilize our membership and the public
- Have someone from our group run for office to raise awareness of our issues

Lunch with the senators was highlighted by the recognition of library volunteers from across the state. The afternoon

session was 'Nebraska Memories: Making Nebraska's Past Unforgettable,' presented by Beth Goble and Devra Dragos from the Nebraska Library Commission. The digitization project was started in 2005 with the purpose of preserving, accessing and publicizing documents, maps, slides and historical photographs from communities across the state. Be sure to access the current 27 collections through the searchable database at the Nebraska Library Commission at <http://memories.ne.gov>

## **L4L News Judy Henning, L4L Coach**

Members of the NEMA L4L Committee continue to do professional development workshops on AASL's Standards for the 21st-Century Learner at ESUs and professional association conferences across the state.

Feb. 19 Lori Umstead and Deb Levitov presented at the Nebraska Association for Gifted (NAG) Conference at the LaVista Conference Center. On Feb. 15, Judy Henning presented a workshop on L4L at the ESU #13 Mid-Winter Conference in Scottsbluff. Dr. Sherry Crow, Levitov, and Henning also presented at the Nebraska State Reading Association (NSRA) Conference in Kearney on Feb. 26. A program proposal for the Nebraska Educational Technology Association (NETA) Conference in April has been accepted. Presenters for the NETA Conference are Crow, Henning and Kelly Melson.

The 2010 Nebraska Heartland School Library Conference on June 14-15 will include a full day of Standards for the 21st-Century Learner themed activities. This will include presentations by Cassandra Barnett, AASL President, followed by break out groups facilitated by the Nebraska L4L Team.

A program proposal and booth request has also been submitted for the Nebraska Council of School Administrators' (NCSA) annual Administrator Days Conference in Kearney July 28-30. If accepted, NEMA President Betty Meyer and Henning will present AASL Standards for the 21st Century Learner. Their proposal states: Student learning in the 21st Century will be facilitated by incorporating research/project-based assignments that utilize technology, inquiry, critical thinking, and collaboration. This session will examine these teaching strategies and show how the school media specialist (librarian) should be instrumental in facilitating 21st Century learning in the school's curriculum.

We also had NEMA representation at the Nebraska Library Legislative Day in Lincoln in February. This type of activity keeps school libraries in your state representatives field of vision.

Finally, there will be a delegation from NEMA at the National Legislative Day in Washington, DC in June. As your elected board and appointed liaisons, we feel strongly that the "advocacy" mentioned in our purpose is real.

There is another place you can look for advocacy tools. Last year, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) put together a committee of school librarians from across the country. Their charge was to create an online toolkit for parents. The toolkit gives parents information to help them understand and support their school library. To view this source, go to:  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslissues/toolkits/parentoutreach.cfm>

So, NEMA is a great advocate for you. But you are your own best advocate! Stay on top of new developments and make sure your administration understands the vital role you play in teaching students and staff. In this way, we can all be assured a greater understanding of information literacy and school libraries.

**CARRIE**

## **April is School Library Month**

**By Lori Umstead, AASL Liaison**

Laurie Halse Anderson is this year's spokesperson for the theme "Communities Thrive @ your Library". For professional development activities and promotional ideas to celebrate your school library see  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslissues/slm/>

## **AASL/ALA Elections**

### **Begin March 16**

**By Lori Umstead, AASL Liaison**

Let's vote! AASL /ALA elections begin March 16th and we have two outstanding leaders from school libraries running for leadership positions. Judy Henning, past NEMA president, L4L Coordinator, and director of Kearney Public School Libraries is up for Region IX Director. Sara Kelly Johns, former AASL President and school librarian is running for ALA President (<http://www.skj4ala.com/>). Both of these women have made many contributions to our profession and to the education of students across the state and nation. Please consider them with your vote. For candidate videos and bios go to [www.aasl.org](http://www.aasl.org) Elections link under the Members menu.

### **Vote Online in April**

**By Carrie Turner, President**

The vote to change the NEMA Constitution passed with 151 yes votes and 7 no votes. This means that NEMA will be able to move to voting online. This will save our organization postage and printing costs. We are also hopeful that we will have a larger percentage of members voting.

The first time we will be putting this change into action is in the upcoming election for officers and board members in April. **For this election, we will be offering a paper ballot if any member notifies our executive secretary that they would prefer to receive their ballot in the mail. If you fall into this category, please email Jean Hellwege at [nemacontact@gmail.com](mailto:nemacontact@gmail.com) by March 23. This will give us time to mail the ballot to you by April 1.**

The slate of nominations for officers and board members is included in this newsletter, along with a photo and biographical note for each nominee. Closer to election time, we will be sending out notification of the web link to use to vote. Please

## **One Book for Nebraska Teens** **Submitted by Kelly Melson**

**Unwind** by Neal Shusterman has been chosen as the 2010 One Book for Nebraska Teens. Media specialists and public Librarians from across the state will want to purchase this book and plan parties, discussion groups and activities with their teen patrons!

Paperback copies of this title have been purchased for each library system and will be available for checkout. The Nebraska Library Commission has copies as well.

Activities, author information, discussion questions and more can be downloaded at:  
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/obonk.html>

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**It's time to think about...**renewing your membership or joining Read Aloud Nebraska (RAN) for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are a member for two consecutive years you are eligible to apply for a \$250 grant to support a reading activity in your school. Log on to RAN today at [www.readaloudnebraska.org](http://www.readaloudnebraska.org). *Joie Taylor*



**NEMA memberships run from October 1-September 30.** If you haven't renewed your membership, you can do so today by filling out the membership form available on the NEMA website.

The revised dues schedule took effect on October 1, 2009. Please make sure you are using the current membership form to renew your membership.

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

## **Meet UNK Student Debby Moninger By Susan Hubbard, Student Liaison**



Debby Moninger, a teacher in Arnold, NE is one busy lady. She is part time Library Media Specialist, part time English teacher, and also teaches Speech and Drama at her school. Like many teachers in small schools, she wears many hats! Debby holds a BAE degree from UNK with endorsements in English (7-12) and ESL (K-12). She also earned a Masters degree in Liberal Studies with an English Concentration. She taught in the Kearney Public School system for two and a half years before getting married to Chris. They moved to Arnold and are currently renovating their home in their spare time. She has been employed by Arnold Public Schools for the past six years.

Debby was born in Ogallala, but traveled a lot because her father was a Marine. She has lived in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Hawaii.

Her husband Chris works in Broken Bow at the Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center. Chris and Debby can usually be found at the lake, park, or library with their four children - DyAnne, Ryan, Brandon, and William as well Brayden, their grandson.

When I asked Debby what sparked her interest in becoming a Library Media Specialist, she talked about visiting the library with her mother when she was young. She said, "Growing up a Marine Corp brat, the library became a place where I felt comfortable whether I was in South Carolina, Hawaii, or visiting my grandparents in Nebraska." She still holds several library cards from nearby towns. She also said, "Another factor that I like about being the teacher librarian is that I can get to know students on a different level than I did as a classroom teacher. I enjoy helping the students learn without the grade being the main incentive for my instruction."

Debby tells me that she has always been a collaborator with other teachers. She stated, "I think my background in ESL preparing new English speakers for the mainstream classroom and supporting students who were recently mainstreamed has helped me realize how important collaboration is for students to move beyond memorizing information to truly mastering it and applying it to new situations." Debby carries this desire for collaboration into her present job as the Library Media Specialist by working with second graders helping them with resources for their animal reports, working with third graders creating music videos from their storyboards, and teaching fifth and sixth graders research skills using Google Tips and the card catalog. Debby said, "Several of the projects so far started as me planning my media time around what they were studying in the classroom. As teachers saw the students get excited, many would come to me and tell me more of what they were studying." She also said that some of her collaboration stemmed from some of the coursework she is now taking at UNK.

When asked what qualities a school librarian should possess she said, "Most of all, I think that a 21st Century LMS must enjoy learning and have an intrinsic desire to continue to learn." It is quite evident that Debby loves learning, going to school, and sharing what she is learning with others.

### **Heartland School Library Conference June 14 and 15, 2010 Omaha, Nebraska**

- Join colleagues from Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota for only \$50 for TWO days of professional development!
- Enjoy the Omaha Press Club reserved for Monday's evening soiree
- UNO and UNK are both offering college credit – students must attend both days of conference
- **PLEASE SEND EMAILS WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED TO TWO SCHOOL LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS YOU HAVEN'T SEEN AT A CONFERENCE.** Download the registration form and information from the NEMA website.

## **A NEMA MEMBER BENEFIT**

Current NEMA members should spread the word and encourage every school librarian in Nebraska to join NEMA so they too can receive a copy of the Nebraska Guide, a free member benefit. Nonmembers can purchase the guide from Libraries Unlimited. The royalties from the sales of the guide come back to NEMA.

### **An Advocacy Tool**

Nebraska school librarians should find funding to purchase a copy of the guide from Libraries Unlimited for their school administrator. In this way it would be possible to get the guide in the hands of administrators across the state. Then each school librarian could begin to communicate with each of them—starting with the endorsement letter from the Nebraska Commissioner of Education.

### **Alignment and Endorsement**

The guide will be aligned to program guidelines and standards developed by the American Association of School Librarians and will carry a letter of endorsement from the Nebraska Commissioner of Education, Roger Breed. Once in the hands of NEMA members, this will be a resource and tool that needs to be shared with school administrators across the state.

### **Start planning now!**

Where will you get the funding to buy a copy of The Guide for Developing and Evaluating School Library Programs for your administrator? Getting the bound copy of a NEMA publication from a national publishing company will be impressive to administrators and the Commissioner's endorsement will add even more credibility.

## **Coming Soon...The Updated Nebraska Guide By Deb Levitov Chair of the NEMA Nebraska Guide Committee**

In 2010, NEMA will make available to members, the seventh edition of The Guide for Developing and Evaluating School Library Programs (more familiarly known as the Nebraska Guide). The guide will be published by Libraries Unlimited and by fall 2010 membership copies will be reprinted and distributed to all NEMA members according to the agreement outlined in the LU contract.

### **NEMA Members Working for You**

Several NEMA members are involved in the revision of the Nebraska Guide (see their names next to their chapter assignments below). Much appreciation and gratitude is extended to these school librarians from across Nebraska as they work so hard to bring this publication together. Also, special thanks to those that are serving as liaisons for their chapter: Laurie Bauer, Kelly Melson, Marilyn Scahill, Ruth Walker, and Sandy White. Also, thank to Laura Pietsch for interpreting the LU formatting requirements and for her editing assistance. The work of these NEMA members will benefit school librarians and school libraries not only in Nebraska but also throughout the country for many years to come.

### **An Overview**

Here is what you can expect to see in the chapters of your Nebraska Guide.

#### **Chapter 1: Leadership for School Library Program Development Phyllis Brunken, Judy Henning, Deb Levitov, and Laura Pietsch**

Strong leadership skills and adept planning and management strategies are essential to the realization of the goals and objectives for school library programs. This chapter will emphasize that leadership is essential within each of the themes found in the rest of the guide and provide information and resources for the school librarians related to leadership, management, and establishing and implementing the program mission. The chapter will include guidelines for advocacy planning, policy development, program evaluation, and professional development.

#### **Chapter 2: Preparation of School Library Professionals Barb Hansen, Kelly Melson, and Becky Pasco**

This chapter provides information about national and local standards available to guide the preparation of school library professionals. Teacher accreditation agencies collaborate with professional associations to develop guidelines that college and universities use to achieve accreditation status. These guidelines help ensure that school librarians are prepared to fulfill the roles necessary to develop and implement successful school library programs that meet the learning and teaching needs of students and faculty in K-12 schools.

### **Chapter 3: Preparation and Training of School Library Paraprofessionals by Barb Hansen, Kelly Melson, and Becky Pasco**

This chapter addresses the preparation and ongoing training for those school library staff members holding non-teaching positions. These are positions with duties related to clerical and technical activities key to the maintenance of a high quality school library program.

### **Chapter 4: School Library Personnel and Evaluation by Jackie Davis and Sandy White**

This chapter includes job descriptions and methods of evaluation for the various levels of professional and support staff for the school library. It emphasizes evaluation of school library personnel to provide accountability, evidence of success, and direction for improvement.

### **Chapter 5: Teaching for Learning and the School Library by Marilyn Scahill, Susan Vanneman, and Glenda Willnerd**

The school library program must ensure that students are given the tools they need to access and use information effectively and become independent, lifelong learners. This chapter examines standards developed for information literacy and the roles of the school librarian. It provides tools and resources for curriculum planning, instruction, and collaborative planning and teaching as an integral part of the role of the school librarian. Examples of research process models are included.

### **Chapter 6: Collection Development: Managing School Library Resources by Mary Ellis, Ruth Walker, and Karla Wendelin**

In order to develop an effective school library program, a collection must be developed and maintained that is well balanced and aligned to the curriculum and needs of staff and students. The purpose of this chapter is to provide the school librarian with information and resources that focus on the steps for collection development, collection maintenance, inventory, and budgeting.

### **Chapter 7: School Library Facilities by Laurie Bauer, Gail Formanack, and Joie Taylor**

This chapter provides means for analyzing the physical setting of an existing school library or planning for a new or remodeled facility. Checklists for space allocation, location, environment, and furnishings will be included.

## **Membership Numbers as of January 26, 2010 Submitted by Jean Hellwege**

<b>Number of Members</b>	<b>Type of Membership</b>
281	<b>1-3 years (163/118)</b>
1	<b>Commercial</b>
24	<b>DSA/Life</b>
14	<b>Retired</b>
33	<b>Student</b>
363	<b>Total Active</b>

# Meet Your Candidates

## NEMA President-Elect Candidate Karen Buckley Lincoln Pius X High School



Karen Buckley has been school librarian at Lincoln Pius X High School since the fall of 1988, the same year she joined NEMA. She has served as NEMA's liaison to the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON) for the past five years, including three years as secretary for AFCON and participated in the Nebraska Libraries Future Search Conference, sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission. She is on the steering committee for the inaugural Heartland Conference for School Librarians.

"My love of libraries began early," Karen said. "As an elementary student, I visited the Jackson County (MO) Public Library every two weeks, when my dad would drop me off on his way to the barbershop." She has been a frequent library patron ever since.

Although Karen explained that she occasionally had flashes of insight that said she should consider library science as a major or career, she majored in English and journalism at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Upon graduation, she was a reporter/section editor for newspapers in Omaha, Glenwood and Harlan, Iowa for five years. After 18 months of substitute teaching, Karen began working part-time at the Harlan Community Library. Once there she knew she was in the right profession. She returned to school five years later to begin coursework for an educational media endorsement. The following summer, Karen began working as media specialist at Lincoln Pius X High School.

"It still surprises me how long it took me to work fulltime as a librarian, but my love (and use) of libraries has never wavered," Karen said. She believes being active in library organizations such as NEMA strengthens librarian professionals, and members strengthen NEMA, the library profession and libraries themselves.

She stated she is honored to be nominated as president-elect of NEMA.

## NEMA Secretary Candidate Sara Churchill Blair Public Schools



Sara Churchill is a Media Specialist at Arbor Park Intermediate School in Blair.

She has served as NEMA's secretary and webmaster for the last two years and prior to that was the NEMA Scholarship and Awards Chair. Sara co-teaches a class at UNO called Teaching and Learning in Digital Environments and believes that 21st Century goals are imperative for librarians to achieve with the students and patrons. She has presented at NEMA and NETA, and attended the AASL National Conference in Charlotte, NC in November.

## **NEMA Board Member-at-Large (2 positions)**

### **Dr. Sherry Crow University of Nebraska-Kearney**



Dr. Sherry Crow is currently Assistant Professor of School Library Science/Educational Media at the University of Nebraska Kearney. She became full-time faculty at UNK in the fall of 2008. Before beginning her career in higher education, Sherry worked in school libraries (14 years), as well as in public libraries (9 years) in children's, adult reference, young adult, and media services. In 2002 she won the Harold Hill Award for Leadership in Colorado, and in 2004 she was named Colorado Librarian of the Year.

Sherry has earned a B.S. in Elementary Education, a Master's Degree in Library Science, and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Management. Her area of research is student motivation for information seeking. "I feel strongly that we as librarians (and all educators, for that matter) should make fostering intrinsic motivation and lifelong learning in our children a priority."

She is the author of three books, the latest being *Information Literacy: A Guide for the Library Media Specialist* (2005). She has presented nationally and internationally on the topics of collaboration, parental involvement, storytelling, and intrinsic motivation. Over the last year she presented in Nebraska at the NLA/NEMA conference, the Nebraska State Reading Association conference, ESU 10, and ESU 11. She is currently a board member of the Meridian Library System.

Her association involvement includes serving as the Secretary to the Colorado Association of School Libraries and as the Colorado Liaison to AASL. She is currently the chair of AASL's Advocacy Committee, and is a member of AASL's School Library Media Research editorial board. Last year she was on the SCYP Mad Hatter Award Committee and was a Learning 4 Life Coach for NEMA. She is a member of NEMA, NLA, ALA, AASL, and IASL.

While serving nationally and internationally is important, Sherry is passionate about serving in her own back yard. "The REAL impact of associations is on the grassroots level. I am excited about rolling up my sleeves and working for the school librarians in Nebraska."

### **Jen Duncan Omaha Northwest**



Jen Duncan has been the school librarian at Northwest for two years. She completed her Masters at UNO in 2007. She previously taught middle school language arts in Nebraska and North Carolina. Jen has also served as a school technology coordinator at the elementary level.

Jen married into a literature rich family. When her children were small, she and they participated in the Nebraska Story Telling Festival with her mother-in-law and Jen worked at her sister-in-law's children's bookstore, the Story Monkey. It was her love of literature that spurred her to become a school librarian. She loves working with students and teachers.

Jen has enjoyed working in a librarian PLC and hopes to continue work in a larger group setting such as the NEMA Board to help further the profession and unite Nebraska's librarians.

## **NEMA Board Member-at-Large (2 positions)**

### **Beth Kabes ESU#7**



“The love of reading was my primary reason,” was the response Beth Kabes of Educational Service Unit 7, gave when deciding to pursue a degree in Media. She obtained her degree from the University of NE – Kearney in 2004 after teaching in Leigh Community Schools for 23 years. Beth’s current position is the Media Coordinator and Distance Learning Coordinator for ESU7 in Columbus, Nebraska.

As a member of NEMA, Beth enjoys the valuable knowledge and skills shared among the members and through conferences. She has also volunteered for conference committees of NEMA and has presented on PowerMedia Plus, Technology Integration and on the online repository resource of MediaNebraska ([medianebraska.myelearning.org](http://medianebraska.myelearning.org)) at numerous conferences. Beth has also shared in the coordination efforts of the Northeast Nebraska Media Specialists Fall Workshops held each year.

Beth is excited to have an opportunity to be a part of the leadership team of the NEMA organization and hopes to share information and initiatives from a statewide perspective as well as build relationships with other NEMA members. “It is relationship building that is so important for all teacher librarians,” said Beth.

### **Kathy Terrell Morrill Public Schools**



Kathy Terrell has been the librarian for Morrill Public Schools for the last three years. Prior to that she was the librarian for Gering Elementary Schools for nine years. She is in the process of switching her libraries over to a new library software program that will enhance her libraries for the students and staff of the K-12 district. Kathy has enjoyed writing activities for the Golden Sower nomination books. She has served on the NEMA board as member-at-large for the last two years, and has learned much about the running of libraries across the state. Kathy has a BS in education from Chadron State College, and is working on her masters from UNO/Chadron.

# Meet the 2009 Mad Hatter

## By Patty Birch

Shawna Lindner, Youth Librarian at the Kearney Public Library, has been named the Mad Hatter Youth Services Award winner for 2009.

The School, Children's and young People's section of the Nebraska Library Association, Duane Munson, and Child's World sponsor this award. The award recognized a librarian who has demonstrated outstanding service to children through innovative programming, service to the community, and professional contributions to the field of librarianship.

Lindner is dedicated to her profession and to providing library services to children of all ages. When asked about Shawna, Matt Williams, Director of the Kearney Public Library said that "Shawna has a magical ability to connect children and parents with just the right book. To me, the look of delight I see on children's faces during a story hour says it all."

In addition to the Summer Reading Program, Shawna has developed for Kearney Public Library the Paws to Read Program, which allows reluctant readers to practice reading to therapy dogs and cats, the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) and Libraries Are Fun (LAF), an after school and home school series of programs. She has served on the Nebraska Library Commission Youth Advisory Board and was one of the first participants of the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute.

Shawna supports the Kearney Public Schools, collaborating with media specialists and teachers in the district to promote literacy through reading programs and by starting a Golden Sower Club. Judy Henning, Director of Media Services for Kearney Public Schools said, "She is a wonderful advocate for library youth programs and does what it takes to make sure all libraries are providing the support necessary to meet the needs of Nebraska youth."



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### **NEMA Board Meetings**

Saturday, May 1, 2010 10:00 AM Omaha  
Thursday, July 15, 2010 9:30 AM Lincoln

### **State NLA/NEMA Conference**

October 13-15, 2010 Grand Island

### **Other State Conferences**

April 29-30, 2010 NETA Spring Conference, LaVista Embassy Suites  
June 14-15, 2010 Heartland School Librarian's Conference, UNO, Omaha

### **National Conferences**

June 24-30, 2010 ALA Conference, Washington, DC  
June 27-30, 2010 ISTE Conference, Denver, CO

### ***NEMA News***

**Submission deadlines** February 15, May 15, July 21, and November 15.  
**Mailing/Posting dates** March 15, June 15, August 15, and December 10.



## NEMA NEWS

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(Address information is included on the following page.)

Program/Event Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
This request is for: \_\_\_\_\_ pre-conference session \_\_\_\_\_ conference session  
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Brief Program Description (for use in preliminary program): \_\_\_\_\_

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