

The Western Sun

January - February 2015

The New Newsletter of
Western Library System



Gering Public Library Open House—December 5th



High Plains Christmas at the Legacy of the Plains - December 6th

Western Library System Award Nomination

(You may nominate yourself or someone else)

I would like to nominate _____ for the following award:

_____ WLS Advocacy Award

_____ WLS Distinguished Leadership Award

Position: _____

Name of Library: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Years of library-related services: _____

Name of person making the nomination: _____

Name of Library: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

Attach two letters of recommendation stating why this person deserves the award:

The Advocacy Award is for someone that gives outstanding support and promotion of the library, its services and programs, and it is intended for a library board member, volunteer or another person who is or is not employed in a library.

The Distinguished Leadership Award is for a library employee in a management position who has shown initiative and contributions in their library position/profession.

The nomination form and letters of recommendation are due Wednesday July 1, 2015.

Awards will be announced at the WLS Annual Meeting in July 2015. If you have questions, please contact Michele Parks email: ptparks@allophone.com; #308-635-0838.

Send completed form and letters to:

Western Library System

Railway Plaza Office C-114

Scottsbluff, NE 69261

Western Library System Scholarship Application

The Western Library System has established a scholarship fund to facilitate the professional development of librarians within the system. Librarians, Media Specialists, and those connected with member agencies within the System may use these monies for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops, or other beneficial academic activities. Provisions of the Scholarship include:

1. Each applicant must submit an application letter and form any time prior to or up to two weeks after the event for which the scholarship is intended.
2. The Scholarship Committee will review each application received.
3. The Scholarship Committee has the right to adjust the amount requested depending on the budget and the number of applications received during the fiscal year.
4. Scholarships will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. Priority will be given to events within the state.
6. Individual applicants will be limited to requesting scholarships once in a three-year period.
7. Budget, event, amount requested, and the number of applicants will dictate approval or denial of the scholarship requests. More than one scholarship request from the same library agency during a two-year period will need to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
8. Scholarship recipients are requested to provide a brief article about the event attended for the System newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. The article is submitted to the PLS office.

Scholarship Committee
Western Library System
115 Railway Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Western Library System Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Library/School/Agency: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone: _____

Scholarship Activity: _____

Requested Amount: _____

Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the activity. Revised 9-14-2012

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians Schedule 2015

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Registration dates</u>
2/23 –3/6	Reference	1/16 –2/13
3/9 -3/20	Intellectual Freedom and Core Values of Librarianship**	1/30 - 2/27
3/23 –4/3	Readers' Advisory	2/13-3/13
4/6 - 4/17	Library Governance	2/27 - 3/27
4/27 5/22	Organization of Materials*	3/20 - 4/17
6/1 –6/12	Library Finance	4/23 - 5/22
6/15 6/26	Library Technology	5/8 - 6/5
7/20 - 7/31	Collection Management*	6/12 - 7/10
8/24 - 9/4	Library Policy	7/17 - 8/14
9/14 - 9/25	Programming & Outreach	8/7 - 9/4
9/28 - 10/9	The Community and the Library *	8/21 - 9/18
10/19 - 10/30	Management and Supervision	9/11 - 10/9
11/2 - 11/13	Leadership	9/25 - 10/23
11/30 - 12/11	Library Services to Children and Youth	10/23 11/20

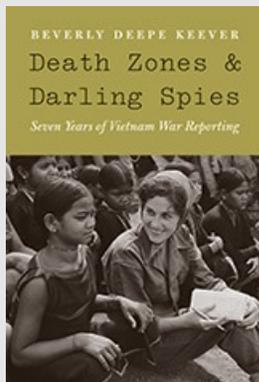
* Required Classes

** Instructor: Eric Green

For further information, contact Laura Johnson, Continuing Education Coordinator by phone, at 402-471-2694, or 800-307-2665 or Email: laura.johnson@nebraska.gov

One Book One Nebraska

Death Zones & Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam War Reporting by Beverly Deepe Keever is Nebraska's reading choice for the 2015 One Book One Nebraska statewide reading program. In this book, Beverly Deepe Keever describes what it was like for a farm girl from Nebraska to find herself half-way around the world, trying to make sense of one of the nation's bloodiest and bitterest wars.



Intellectual Freedom and Technical Services Round Tables

Have an EVOLUTION/REVOLUTION story to share concerning privacy, technical services, or libraries?

Then present your findings at the joint spring meeting for the *Intellectual Freedom and Technical Services Round Tables* on Friday, March 6 at UNL's Love Library.

Some questions to ponder:

- What privacy issues are lurking online, in your ILS, or within your library policies?
- When revolutions in cataloging practices, formats, collaborations, workflows, collections, or organizational needs occur, how does technical services evolve to meet the new challenges?
- When have you found yourself suddenly gazing on a privacy or technical services horizon in the midst of evolving or revolutionizing, and how did you navigate the new terrain?

Deadline for proposals: Feb. 6, 2015

Please include in your proposal:

- Session title
- Brief description
- Length – full session (50 minutes) or lightning round (10-15 minutes)
- Your preferred contact information
- Any specific equipment needs (computer with projector and optional laptop connection will be available)

Send proposals to:

Todd Schlechte, IFRT Chair, tschlechte@omahalibrary.org

or Melissa Moll, TSRT Chair, mmoll3@unl.edu

**“Who We Are, What We Do, Why It Matters: Why Nebraska Needs Libraries
More Than Ever”**

Presenter: Valerie Gross

Conferences will be held at Alliance Public Library on April 22nd, Kearney Public Library on April 23rd, and Columbus Public Library on April 24th, 2015.

Schedule:

9:30 – 10 am Coffee & Registration

10 am - 12 pm Part I: Getting It Together

The “Libraries = Education” Vision

The Power of Language

Q&A

12 – 1 pm Lunch

1 – 3 pm Part II: Putting It Together

Implementing the Vision

Education Innovation

Q&A/Wrap-Up

At the conclusion of this workshop, you will understand how to describe your work and profession in terms that people understand and value. You will explore, discuss, and practice proven techniques to:

Redefine libraries in a new, innovative way Align your library with what the community understands: education Incorporate intuitive, value-enhancing words into your everyday lexicon Heighten your library's visibility, stature, and funding Develop strategies that you can integrate immediately into your work

Valerie Gross is President and CEO of Howard County Library System. Read more about her at valeriegross.com

Registration will be available soon--for now, just save the date!

Although this workshop was originally developed for public libraries, Valerie has found that it applies extremely well to school libraries, academic libraries, and special libraries.

If Interested contact:

Todd Schlechte, Chair todd.schlechte@gmail.com

NLA Public Library and Trustee Section

Panhandle Library System Board Meeting*Tuesday, November 4, 2014****Railway Office Plaza****115 Railway St. Scottsbluff, NE 69361**

President Allison McBride called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Board members present: Allison McBride, Sara Brennemann, Stephanie Mika, Rick Caudillo, Ruth Walker, Sue Shaver, Maryruth Reed, and Kathy Terrell. Also present were PLS coordinator Eric Green, Republican Valley coordinator Denise Harders, NLC representative Rod Wagner, NLC member Pat Gross, and Jeri Clapper. Roberta Boyd, and Michele Parks absent.

Agenda set as presented.

Sue Shaver made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2014 with the date change of Sept. 19 to Sept. 9. Motion was seconded by Maryruth Reed. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

District Reports: Sara reported on the Grant County Library Foundation bake sale.

Sue reported for District A: Jill Hurtt is acquiring new titles and preparing for book talks.

Hemingford PL are raising funds for improvements to their exterior drop box, automatic door, and sidewalk ramp. Hemingford is also working on interior reorganization and new paint.

Rushville PL is preparing for Arleen Freesman's book signing on Dec. 5.

Chadron State started blog that covers events that take place in the library commons, articles and other information that would be worth sharing.

Ruth brought pictures of Mitchell High School Library of the reorganization of the computer and reading lab. Ruth also reported an increase of usage of the computer lab.

Maryruth received a Children's database grant

Committee Reports: No reports given for annual meeting, nominating, and scholarship committees. Public Relations-Kathy reported she was looking into Andrea Warren; who has a new book out that deals with Kansas and Nebraska

PLS Coordinator Report: Eric's report was presented in writing. Working on the E-rate appeal due to two corrections. Eric plans to contact Christa Burns about the e-rate.

NLC Report: Rod Wagner handed out and discussed the NLC report.

Reconfiguration of Library Systems

Name change of PLS to WLS

*Please note: Last Board meeting for the Panhandle Library System (RIP)

Board meeting Cont.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Ruth Walker and seconded by Stephanie Mika to change Panhandle Library System name to Western Library System effective January 1, 2015, and to pay \$30.00 to the Lawyer to do so.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mika, Brennemann, Caudillo, Walker, Shaver, Reed, McBride, Terrell. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Creation of District E and addition of counties to District D.

Motion by Ruth Walker and seconded by Maryruth Reed to create District E, which will include new counties to the Western Library System; Perkins, Chase, Dundy, Hays, and Hitchcock and to add the new counties of Hooker and McPherson to the existing District D, effective January, 1, 2015. Motion carried.

Financial Documents/ Budget: Financial reports were passed out. A 6 month budget will need to be approved with addition of new counties. Eric is to talk to insurance company about workman's comp. and property insurance rates.

Author Tour: Eric will call Sally about grant for author tour. Eric suggested a possible joint author tour with Robert Polk.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit: Audit is in process. Concern about the lack of communication with Fred Lockwood was discussed.

Upcoming Events/ Announcements: A list of upcoming events was included in Eric's report.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

The next WLS meeting will be Tuesday January 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Railway Office Plaza board room in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Sara Brennemann, Secretary

"Complaining about a problem with proposing a solution is called whining." President Theodore Roosevelt

Upcomming Events

Jan. 22nd - Strategic planning workshop – Alliance PL

Feb. 25th Systems Quarterly Meeting – Grand Island

March 3/9 -3/20 - Basic Skills – *Intellectual Freedom and core values*

March 25th – Summer Reading – Location to be determined

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<http://libraries.ne.gov/wls/>

Counties Served:

Arthur, Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Keith, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux

New Counties! Hooker, McPherson, Perkins, Chase, Dundy, Hayes and Hitchcock

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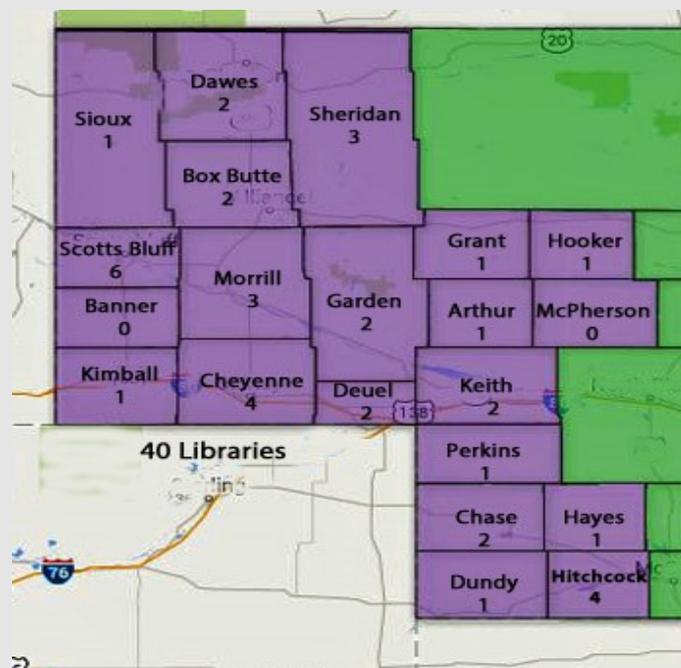
Sue Shaver

Michele Parks

Maryruth Reed

Kathy Terrell

Ruth Walker



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