

The New Newsletter of

Western Library System



Western Library System welcomes new members!



Hastings Memorial Public Library - Grant



Lied Imperial Public Library - Imperial



Dundy County Library - Benkelman

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, 22 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>
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

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

Upcoming Events

Saturday March 21st - Nebraska School Librarians' Day - North Platte

Wednesday March 25th - WLS Summer Reading at WNCC Sidney (Please See Page 8)

April 12th-18th *National Library Week*

Wednesday April 22nd - PLTS Spring Meeting- Alliance Public Library

Tuesday June 9th - 13th - Chautauqua - Alliance Public Library (Kearney -June 17 – 21)

June 25th - 30th ALA Annual Meeting-San Francisco

July Wednesday 22nd - The "1st" annual Meeting of the *Western Library System - Legacy of the Plains* (Formally *Farm and Ranch Museum*) Gering (Information coming soon)

September 23rd-25th - Wyoming Library Association (WLA) and Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Joint Conference Cheyenne Wyoming

October 14th - 16th NLA - Lincoln (Information coming soon)

October 22nd-24th Colorado Association of Libraries Annual Meeting - Loveland Colorado

WESTERN LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS 2015

Do you know someone who is committed to the quality of library services in the Western region and would be interested in serving on the WLS Board? If so, please nominate that person for one of the three-year terms beginning July, 2015.

Those nominated must be from the category as described below:

Position 1: Public Library (PL) – Nominee must be from a Public Library. A Current member is running for 2nd term in this category.

Positions 2: School/Media Library Representative – Nominee must be from a School /Media library. Current member's 2nd term is expiring.

Position 3: District A Representative - Nominee must be from District A. Counties: (Sioux, Dawes, Box Butte, Sheridan) Current member's 2nd term is expiring.

I would like to nominate the following person for a three-year term on the WLS Board:

Name of nominee _____

Position # (See above- Please selected only one position) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Contributions that can be made by this person:

_____ I have contacted this person, and he/she is willing to serve on the WLS Board.

Nominated by (if different from nominee):

Name _____ Phone _____

Please mail or fax this form by **Friday, April 3, 2015** to:

**Western Library System,
115 Railway Street,
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
FAX: 308-632-3978**

Western Library System Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2015
Railway Office Plaza
115 Railway St. Scottsbluff, NE 69361

President Allison McBride called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Board members present: Allison McBride, Sara Brennemann, Stephanie Mika, Maryruth Reed, Kathy Terrell, Roberta Boyd, and Michele Parks. Also present were WLS coordinator Eric Green, NLC representative Rod Wagner, and Jeri Clapper. Absent: Rick Caudillo, Ruth Walker and Sue Shaver.

Agenda Addition: approval of six month budget under new business.
Agenda approved.

Motion was made by Maryruth Reed and seconded by Michele Parks to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2014 PLS Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion Carried

REPORTS:

District Reports:

At Large: no report

Academic/Special: Michele reported Ally Reisig was hired for tech. position a WNCC. Focusing on partnering with different departments at the college. Books displays among the different entities. Math dept. received grant for laptops. Jill Ellis is volunteering. Offering support for new program – Office 365.

Other District Reports: Kathy reported that Amy Widener is moving the library to new school building in Bridgeport.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting: Maryruth received a suggestion of using the Legacy Of The Plains for the meeting from Roberta, and is looking into the catering. Still pondering date and door prizes.

Nominating: Discussion about sending out ballots.

Public Relations: Trying to track down author tour notebook.

Scholarship: no report

Technology: no report

WLS Coordinator Report: Eric's report was presented in writing and is attached. Discussion was held on the continuing frustration with Fred Lockwood Company and lack of communication. Discussion was held considering other options, Eric is to contact Gary Riggs who does other Library System audits.

NLC REPORT: Rod talked about the current legislative session, and welcoming Governor Ricketts. Legislature has organized and set committee memberships. Rod touched on the appropriations committee and new and current members.

Commission Budget hearing – March 9th, Library Advocacy Day – March 10, State Advisory – March 13th, possibly move it to the 11th

Will be promoting the budget request at Advocacy Day.
Additional money requested to supplement Nebraska E-reads.
Incentive money requested for a libraries edge assessment tool, which is used to Compare libraries nationally and apply information to technology plans.
State funds requested \$25,000.00 annually to continue summer internship program. Previously funded by the Laura Bush Grant.
Funding requested state wide, for online courses patrons could access through their public libraries. Additional funds to support the regional library Systems.

New biennium budget in place on July 1.

Federal approved budget through full fiscal year.
Rod is hopeful to have money available for special projects.

One Book One Nebraska 2015 book *Death zones and Darling Spies* author Beverly Kever.

Rod also discussed United For Libraries and the availability of online videos for library trustee education.

Commission & WLS Grant agreement discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Documents/Budget: Financial documents handed out and discussed.

Reconfiguration of Library Systems:

Discussion was held regarding Eric sending out a ballot to member libraries pertaining to creation of District E and addition of new counties to District D.

Discussion was held on how to amend Bylaws and Policies and Procedures.

NLC and WLS Grant Agreement effective Jan. 1, 2015-June 30, 2017. Motion by Stephanie Mika and seconded by Maryruth Reed to approve Nebraska Library Commission and Western Library System Grant Agreement. Motion Carried

Attendance policy for board members questioned. Eric is to look into other Systems policies for ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 6 month Budget

Motion by Stephanie Mika, and seconded by Kathy Terrell to approve 6 mont budget.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Terrell, Parks, McBride, Boyd, Reed, Mika, Brennemann

Nay: None. Motion carried

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm

The next WLS meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Railway Office Plaza Board room in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Sara Brennemann Secretary

WLS Summer Reading Workshop—2015

Where: WNCC Room 115 & 116

371 College Drive

Sidney, NE 69162

When: March 25, 2015 9:30am -3:30pm

Presenters: Sally Snyder, Scott Childers, Tammy Howitt-Covalt

(Agenda will follow)

- **Every library please bring craft ideas to share.**
- **All Public Libraries attending will receive free books!**
 - **Hero costumes are welcome**

*CE Hours: 5.0 (Must stay for entire workshop)

- We will provide Coffee and Coffee Cake for the morning.

(Lunch is on your own)

Please register no later than March 20, 2015

Every Hero Has A Story

Name(s)_____

Library_____

Phone_____ Email_____

Register with Western Library System, Toll free 888-879-5303, Phone: 308-632-1350,
Fax: 308-632-3978 e-mail: eric.green@nebraska.gov or e-mail Jeri: wlsasst@gmail.com

Summer Reading Workshop-2015

***Also please note:** We have increased the CE credits from 4 to 5.

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Ruth Walker

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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Enders Reservoir - Chase County

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