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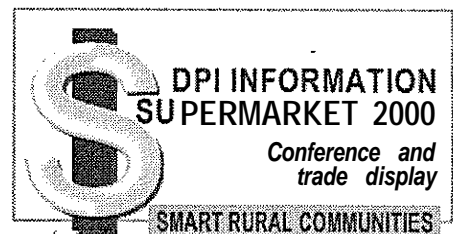
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MPLA Professional Development Grant Evaluative Report

— Jodee Kawasaki
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Editor's Note: Jodee Kawasaki attended the Agricultural Information Association for Australasia (AGRIAA) *Information Specialists - the Key to Economic Development* seminar and the Queensland Dept. of Primary Industries third *Information Supermarket* conference March 15-17, 2000 Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia.

The global economy is a reality in the MPLA region, especially when it comes to the region's number one industry - agriculture. To see what is happening worldwide in agricultural information is exciting and informative. As the global economy continues to evolve, I was once again impressed with the fact that the commonalities are greater than the differences. The similarities of agriculture and agricultural information was brought home to me when I attend the Agricultural Information Association for Australasia (AGRIAA) *Information Specialists - the Key to Economic Development* seminar and the Queensland Dept. of Primary Industries third *Information Supermarket* conference. The sponsors of the programs were AGRIAA, Queensland Government, and Australia Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Attendees to these international events were from Philippines, Fiji, United States and Australia.

The conference was aimed at those who have influence within rural communities, such as businesses, economic development organizations, primary producers, community groups, teachers, librarians, consultants, individuals and government employees at all levels who can and do make a positive contribution to rural economic development in Queensland. In sessions chaired by well-known journalists, international keynote speakers described the strategies and initiatives employed by successful rural communities in Australia and overseas. They discussed trends, successes, opportunities and future scenarios for rural areas. Delegates also learned about the many sources of funding designed to assist with rural community development initiatives. Business leaders and international consultants described the innovative ways that Australian and overseas rural communities have built or increased their capacity to attract new businesses to their areas and have become serious players in the global market place. Attendees discovered ways that technology boosts local and regional economies and learned about

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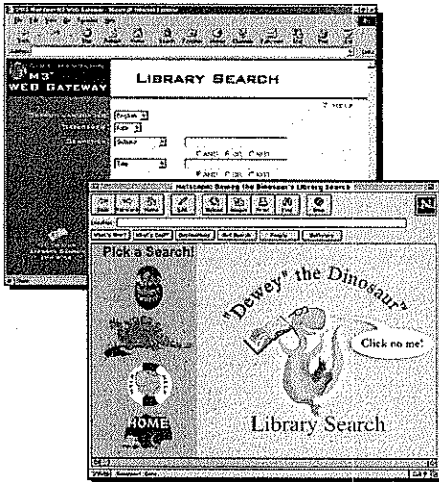
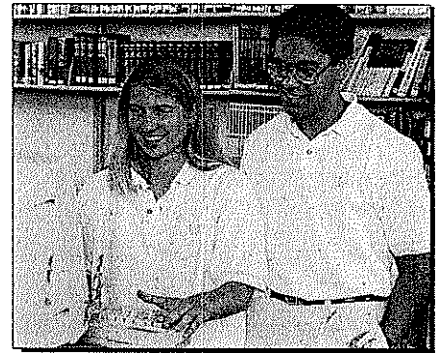
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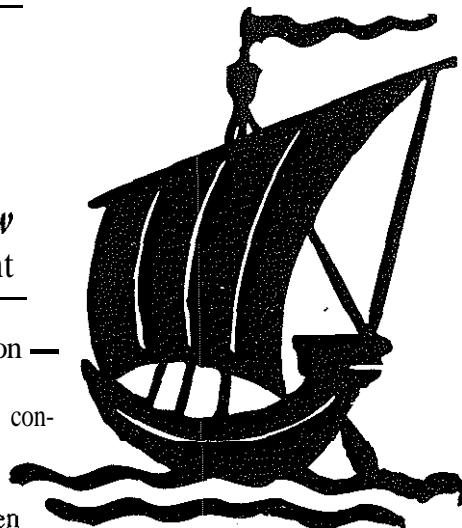
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The Leadership Dilemma: Is Best Liked Equivalent to Best Choice?

— Marilyn *Hinshaw*
MPLA President



This is what we know of the Essex. The Skipper was 24 and this was his first command. The first mate was 22. The second mate, an experienced hand at age 29, was seriously ill during the journey. When the smaller whaling boat departed with senior crew, a 14 year old crew member was left in charge of the ship for routine maneuvers.

A whale estimated at about 85 tons surfaced near the ship. No one in a century since has reported seeing a whale weighing over 65 tons. The watch crew showed no great alarm because whales are standoffish, but this one behaved differently. First the whale swiped the boat with its tail. The men on board responded with disbelief. One picked up a harpoon and considered making the throw, but decided against it because the position of the whale would put the ship in danger of losing its rudder in the struggle that would immediately ensue. The whale appeared intent on driving off the boat. It attacked straight on. The resulting damage sank the whaler.

Thousands of miles from any port, lacking in every possible supply — water, food, medicines -eight survivors gathered in a small boat. Opinions on how to seek rescue varied, but eventually the captain yielded to an older crew member who estimated 30 days would take them around the tip of south America and into shipping lanes where they would be rescued. By the time the 30 days had elapsed, they were starving. A crew member died. The others made a

survival decision — to consume the body. As time continued to pass with no rescue in sight, the men grew desperate. The young Captain, sickened by the thought, wavered at a crew member's proposal to draw lots. Eventually the survivors would vote. All would live if one were sacrificed. As luck would have it, the proposer of this plan was the first whose lot was drawn. The Captain would not perform the deed. Instead, he volunteered to be the sacrifice. For hours they rode the waves, debating. Finally, the young crewman selected by the first drawn lot declared himself "satisfied with his lot" and lay down his head. Another crew member fired the fatal shot into the back of his skull.

When the boat was rescued, 2 of the eight original survivors were alive-the captain and a teenage crew member. Because they had not been able to bring themselves to part with the bones of their companions, they still carried them in the boat. The memoirs of the teenage survivor, are the source of the real facts of the Essex, but the story was transformed by Herman Melville into *Moby Dick*. Melville's story, however, ends with the attack of the whale and the crew cast adrift in their small boats. It is one of history's first prequels because it led up to the known facts. It was a blockbuster hit.

To the people in any way connected to the whaling industry, the story of the Essex must have represented the utmost failure of leadership. The real captain of the Essex ultimately met his fate-barred from the sea he loved, he was never to sail in any ship again.



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... Around the MPLA Region

wyoming

Reference Databases are available to any Wyoming resident, anytime! State Legislature has restored \$240,000 to the State Library exception budget requests. The money has been used to renegotiate contracts with our Reference Database providers. This will allow access to the databases for all Wyoming residents, anytime! It has given every resident of Wyoming access to these databases," said Lesley Boughton, state librarian.

- Voyager is getting set to blast into the University of Wyoming Libraries in the summer of 2000. The university libraries and the American Heritage Center have been on the CARL system since 1989 and 1991 respectively, and the law library has been using an in-house system.

- After 34 years with the Park County Library System, director Charlene Paben submitted a letter of resignation to the Park County Library Board effective July 1, 2000. Paben plans to continue in the role of library advocacy and fund-raising.



- Ada Howard, Fremont County Library System director, has announced her plans to retire in October 2000. In addition to other pursuits, Howard plans to volunteer more at the library after her retirement.

south dakota

- Dorothy Liegl and MPLA Executive Secretary Joe Edelen and his wife Mary Edelen were among those South Dakotans named honorees on the first-ever National Advocacy Honor Roll sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA), a division of ALA.

nebraska

- The Omaha Public Schools' King Science Center Library recently sponsored "Bookemon 2000," this year's reading incentive program. The leader, Readachu (Jeff Koneck, media specialist), challenged the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to read every night for at least 30 minutes.

- The Jane Pope Geske Award was presented to the John G. Neihardt Foundation and Neihardt Center at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Center for the Book. The Jane Pope Geske Award is presented for exceptional contribution to literacy, books, reading, libraries, book selling, or writing in Nebraska. The Foundation and Center was nominated for its Institute of Vision and Learning, which features a literary competition at the Red Cloud Indian School, a week-long writer's workshop for intertribal students at Wayne State College, and an art exhibit from the Red Cloud Heritage Center. *from The NCB News, a Publication of the Nebraska Center for the Book, Spring 2000*

- During National Library Week, Governor Mike Johanns honored four young writers for their letters to authors, living or dead, describing how the authors' books or stories somehow changed their way of viewing the world. Winners in this "Letters about Literature" program received cash awards and bound blank books with their names embossed on the cover. Authors chosen were Mildred Taylor, John Grisham, Jerry Spinelli, and Lois Lowry. *from The NCB News, a Publication of the Nebraska Center for the Book, Spring, 2000*

- The South Branch of the Omaha Public Library recently sponsored El Dia de los Ninos - Celebrating Young Americans. The celebration for all children and their families featured entertainment, food, prizes, face painting, and clowns as well as singers and dancers. Booths from community organizations were set up in the street in front of the library. The intent of this national holiday, established by the U.S.

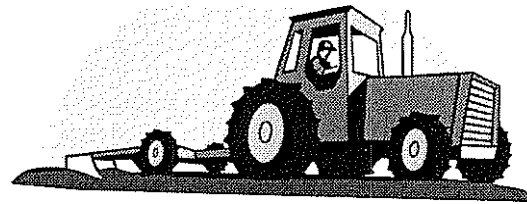
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the current and future trends and developments in rural telecommunications infrastructure.

I presented a program at the Agricultural Information Association for Australasia (AGRIAA) seminar on **Communication and Delivery of Information in Rural and Remote Areas of the United States** with specifics about Montana. For this presentation I emphasized the opportunities the federal government has in place through grants, loans, and matching funds for telecommunications, telemedicine, and distance education. The funding our federal government has put into the initiative of getting rural and remote areas connected to the Internet and eliminating the "digital divide" is extremely helpful. There appears to be approximately \$100 million available through USDA and Department of Commerce programs.

As we hear in the news all across the United States, low commodity prices are changing agriculture as we know it. The family farms are becoming larger and fewer. Rural communities are struggling because of



their dependency on agriculture. The Australian conference emphasized economic development for rural communities to diversify their economy. As we are facing this same situation in the U.S., I found the entire conference very informative and practical. Time and time again during this conference, communities gathered information to develop a plan to improve the economy of the area.

The most important concept I took away from the conference was that the leading factor in all the success stories I heard was gathering information. Truly stated as the theme for the AGRIAA seminar, "Information Specialists-**the KEY** to Economic Development." As librarians we can be that key or we can let other people fill that role. ☆

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October 25-28, 2000
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Omaha, Nebraska

**Conference
Preliminary
Program**

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MPLA Mission Statement

The mission of the Mountain Plains Library Association is to further the development of librarians, library employees, and trustees and to promote quality library service in the states of the Mountain Plains Region. To achieve this mission, the Association shall pursue the following objectives:

1. Encourage membership in the Association and member involvement in Association activities and services.
2. Provide educational training and growth opportunities for all persons engaged in library activities in the region to enhance their skills and professionalism.
3. Promote library interests of the Mountain Plains region within the member states and in national library organizations.
4. Foster through librarianship public access to information and resources for life-long learning.
5. Stimulate the application of computer and telecommunication technologies to improve library services.

NLA Mission Statement

The Nebraska Library Association supports and promotes all libraries, library media centers, and library services in the state. Its foremost concerns are the professional development of its members, library advocacy, and open access to information for all citizens.

NEMA Mission Statement

The purpose of the Nebraska Educational Media Association is to provide visionary leadership and support for educational library media professionals and advocate for library media programs throughout the state of Nebraska.

WHCLIST Mission Statement

The White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) is a national grassroots organization with a lay delegate and a professional delegate from each of our states and territories, as well as other individual and organizational members. It was created by resolutions of 1979 White House Conference and was continued following the White House Conference of 1991. It is dedicated to improving library and information services, including support of the White House Conference Resolutions, by education and listening to the public about library issues, and by developing plans and enlisting support for future national library forums.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Steve Coffman
"Clicks and Mortar"
Thursday General Session



Steve Coffman

Since June of 2000, Steve Coffman is the new Product Development Manager for LSSI (Library Systems and Services Inc.), a feisty band of librarians that provide professional library services to a wide variety of institutions including the Department of Energy, the Office of Veterans Affairs, Riverside County, Jersey City, Calabasas, Hemet, Chatham College and many more.

Steve's initial responsibilities will focus on developing Virtual Reference Services -- live, real-time reference services on the Web -- for the libraries that work with LSSI. After that, who knows? But the underlying concept of the position is that in order to stay ahead these days, libraries have got to be more than the same old, same old -- they've got to have somebody focused on R&D, and on finding new and better ways of doing things.

Prior to coming to LSSI, Steve spent the past 15 years in an institution -- the County of Los Angeles Public Library -- where he was the Director of FYI, the County's Business Research Service.

Steve regularly gets himself into trouble by writing articles for the library trades, the most infamous of which include "What If You Ran Your Library Like a Bookstore?" "Building Earth's Largest Library", "Reference As Others Do It" "A Now a Word from Our Sponsor" and -- most recently -- "The Librarian and Mr. Jeeves" which appeared in the May 2000 issue of American Libraries.

Steve has his MLS from UCLA. And he lives with his wife, Susan, and his daughter, Kirsten -- along with a bunch of rattlesnakes, mountain lions, road runners, and other varmints in the sage-covered hills north of Los Angeles. He also was the guest last year on a national teleconference on this same topic. His talk is sure to be provocative.

David Shenk
Keynote Address:
"Data Smog"

The search for meaning and balance in an info-rich, high-stim world.

The information revolution offers us a wealth of new choices and conveniences, and a chance at real social progress. But to get there we're going to have to navigate the serious new challenges of information overload, constant distraction and consumer gluttony. David Shenk offers some suggestions on



David Shenk

how to think about the unintended consequences of information technology -- and what we can do to make the best of our new tools.

David Shenk is author of three highly acclaimed books: *Data Smog: Surviving the Information Glut* (Harper, 1997), *The End of Patience* (University of Indiana Press, 1999), and *Skeleton Key: A Dictionary for Deadheads* (with Steve Silberman, Doubleday, 1994). The New York Times called *Data Smog* "An indispensable guide to the big picture of technology's cultural impact."

Shenk has written for Harper's; Feed, Salon, The New Republic, The Nation, Technology Review, The New York Times, The Washington Post and The New Yorker, and he is an occasional commentator for NPR's "All Things Considered." He is a former producer for National Public Radio and a former editor and columnist at Spy magazine. Shenk was a 1995-1996 Freedom Forum Media Studies Fellow and a 1998 U.S.-Japan Fellow. He graduated from Brown University in 1988. Shenk lives in Brooklyn with his wife and daughter. Read the author's work: *Why You Feel the Way You Do* (Inc, Jan. 1, 1999). Visit David Shenk's Smog-Free Home Page!

Jym Kruse
Thursday Evening Banquet
Address: "Well-Traveled Seeds"



Jym Kruse

Whether soaring on the wings of the oral tradition or emerging from OUI memories and dreams, stories often journey to unexpected destinations. The stories offered here on Thursday evening have taken several detours along the way and are looking for a place in which to take root and grow.

Jym Kruse is a storyteller from Nebraska who performs nationwide. Kruse has used traditional and personal stories for many years both in the classroom as a teacher and on the stage as a professional storyteller. From statewide festivals to public radio stations across the nation, he has told his stories to preschools and elderhostels and every age group in between. A member of the National Storytelling Association, he is also a speaker for the Nebraska Humanities Council.

His stories have been featured on "The Enchanted Forest," on Washington Public Radio, as well as "The Story Tree," which is heard on public radio stations throughout the country. He will share his varied collection of international folktales as our featured banquet speaker Thursday night.

On Thursday afternoon he will present the workshop: Storytelling Tools and Techniques. This is a chance to learn more about storytelling from Jym. Designed for both seasoned veterans and beginning storytellers, this session weaves together methodology and example to show the possibilities of storytelling in the library setting. Special emphasis will be placed on choosing stories for oral presentation and exploring techniques to help those stories come alive.

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Thursday Programs and Events

Thursday **October 26, 2000**

7:00 AM – 5:30 PM **Conference Registration**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM **The Big Idea Exchange**

Laura Pietsch, Organizer, Bellevue (NE) East High School

Good ideas are always worth sharing. Submit 100 copies describing a successful presentation, craft idea, lesson or other library idea (8 ½ x 11 paper) to the "Idea Exchange" table in Ford Hall by 5:00 PM Thursday. Return to pick up ideas submitted by your colleagues on Friday morning from 8:00 to 10:30 AM. Sponsored by NLA School, Children's, and Young People's Section

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM WHCLIST Business Meeting I

Thursday: Conference Programs

8:30 – 9:20 AM **Thursday, 1st Session**

Building Community: Creating a Community Internet Festival

Vicky York, Distance Education Coordinator, Montana State University and Lois Dissly, Head of Technical & Automated Services, Montana State University

Three years ago, volunteers from the public library, university, local newspaper, public schools and chamber of commerce organized and planned the first community Internet Festival. Two of the festival planners will describe the goals, process, and collaborative nature of the festival that has now become one of the best-attended events in Bozeman, MT. Sponsored by MPLA Public Library/Trustee Section

Getting the Most for Your Money: Negotiating With Database Vendors for Consortia Pricing

Corky Walters, WYLD Manager, Wyoming State Library

Practical steps to navigating a successful negotiation with database vendors specifically for group licensing by consortia. Speakers will suggest various techniques, which have created a win-win situation through the years with many vendors in a statewide consortium. Sponsored by MPLA State Agencies, Cooperatives and Systems Section

Working with Special Needs Students in the Library-Media Center

Facilitated by Gail Formanack, Supervisor, Library Services, Omaha Public Schools

A panel of school media specialists will share successful strategies for meeting the needs of special populations of library users including special education and gifted and talented students. Sponsored by NEMA

Storytime Lifesavers

Maxine Ganske, Director, Russell (KS) Public Library, Vickie Elliott, Storyteller, Russell (KS) Public Library

Presenters will share their secrets and tricks of planning and presenting an outstanding rotating three-year preschooler storytime program. Their innovative, WORKABLE system will be a lifesaver for you too! Go home with several storytime theme tiles ready to present. Sponsored by MPLA Children's and School Section

9:35 – 10:25 AM **Thursday, 2nd Session**

Public Libraries/School Libraries: Partnering Together

Paul Christopherson, Young Adult Librarian, Omaha Public Library; Mary Trenerry, Media Specialist, Millard South High School, Omaha

In a day of budget cuts, increased costs and limited resources, it is essential that a partnership be built between the public/private school center and the public library. This program will explore the ingredients of a healthy relationship, practical examples of extraordinary service, and the potential for resource sharing which is absolutely necessary. Sponsored by NLA School, Children's and Young People's Section and NE.

Get Hooked on Reading

Bellevue (NE) Media Specialists

The Bellevue Public School elementary media specialists will share/brainstorm ideas on helping students to develop a love for reading. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite reading motivation along to share. Sponsored by NLA School, Children's and Young People's Section

Want to Be a School Media Specialist?

Becky P&co, Assistant Professor, College of Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Barbara Clark,

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Thursday Programs and Events

Assistant Professor, College of Education, University of Nebraska at Kearney

UNO, UNK, and UNL offer a collaborative school library media endorsement program. This session will provide information about each program; a schedule of classes; and information about syllabi, competencies and employment prospects. Sponsored by NEMA

Experience the Ultimate Keyword Search— The Reference Wizard!

Marc Davis, Manager of Support Services, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Utilizing new technology, the University of Nebraska-Omaha University Library has created the ultimate keyword search utility called the Reference Wizard. Patrons can access electronic indexes, databases, library web site pages, Internet search engine results, and library materials with one keyword search. Maintenance of the Wizard is a snap. As library holdings change, the Wizard dynamically changes with it. You've got to see it to believe it! Sponsored by NLA Information Technology and Access Round Table

Networking: Ideas and Suggestions for Peer Interactions

Brenda Ealey, Administrator, Southeast (NE) Library System; Lisa Kelly, Information Services Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission; Pam Scott, Library Consultant, Nebraska Library Commission; Ted Smith, Director, Norfolk (NE) Public Library; Carol Speicber, Administrator, Northeast (NE) Library System; Barbara Voeltz, Librarian, Nebraska Game and Parks.

A panel of six will discuss the value of peer networking including the hows and whys. This will be an open-ended discussion designed for sharing ideas and suggestions. Sponsored by NLA Special and Institutional Section

10:25 – 11:00 AM Exhibits Break

11:00 – Noon Thursday General Session

Clicks and Mortar

Steve Coffman, Product Development Manager for LSSI

Sponsored by NLA, NEMA, MPLA

Noon – 1:30 pm Thursday Luncheons/Business Meetings

NEMA Luncheon/Business Meeting

Members who wish to attend the Business Meeting but not the Luncheon may join the assembly after the first half hour.

NLA Luncheon/Business Meeting

For all NLA members. Members who wish to attend the Business Meeting but not the Luncheon may join the assembly after the first half hour.

1:45 – 2:35 PM Thursday, 3rd Session

The Art in Caldecott Award Winners

Gib Neal, Hastings, NE

Did you ever think about how Caldecott Art can actually indicate trends in our culture? Learn more about the history of these illustrations, how they relate directly with the social/economic periods of the time and how they have changed dramatically during the last five to seven years. Lots of excellent slides and time for questions will follow the presentation. Sponsored by NLA Public Library Section, NLA School Children's and Young People's Section, MPLA Children's and School Section and MPLA Public Library/Trustee Section

Spin a Web of Stories

Deb Nerud, Public Services Manager, Lincoln (NE) City Libraries

Never out of ideas for storytime! That's the goal of this presentation. Learn to connect your theme-based storytimes with finger plays, tales to tell, and the expertise of others attending the program. Sponsored by MPLA Children's and School Section

What to Do About CE and Training Needs of Small and Rural Libraries

Lesley Boughton, Wyoming State Librarian, Charley Seavey, Associate Professor, School of Information Resources and Library Science, University of Arizona and others.

Panelists will offer either "good practices" models or key information about the continuing education and training needs of small and rural libraries in our region. Please come to see, hear and ask what's going on with continuing education and training from Arizona to Wyoming. Sponsored by MPLA State Agencies, Cooperatives, and Systems Section

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Thursday Programs and Events

School Library Media Centers Count-Action Research

Phyllis Brunken, Media Director, Educational Service Unit #7 (NE)

Forty-nine states have adopted academic standards and are developing assessments. Likewise, Nebraska's educational focus is on developing assessments for the Nebraska L.E.A.R.N.S. in the context area of Reading/Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies/History. It is imperative that the role school libraries play in student achievement in these areas be explored and documented. Learn how you can conduct action research to prove the worth of the school library media program. Sponsored by NEMA

1:45-3:15 PM Tour of the Ford Conservation Center

Rhonna Rivers, Paper Conservator, Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center. Limited to 20 participants. To register you must contact Mary Marchio at mmarchio@omaha.lib.ne.us or by mail - Omaha Public Library, 215 S. 15th St., Omaha, NE 68102.

Tour of the paper conservatory and digitizing laboratories of the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center. The Center, a division of the Nebraska State Historical Society, provides conservation services for cultural materials in educational, historical, and cultural organizations. Transportation provided. Sponsored by NLA Technical Services Round Table and MPLA Preservation, Archives and Special Collections

2:35 - 3:05 PM Exhibits Break

3:05 - 3:55 PM Thursday, 4th Session

The Nebraska Guide: Charting a Course for Library Media Centers

Facilitated by Joie Taylor, Coordinator of Library Service, Columbus (NE) Public Schools
Members of the Nebraska Guide Committee will discuss features of the newly released **Nebraska Guide** and how it can be used in developing and evaluating library media centers. Sponsored by NEMA

So You Want to Go to Library School?

Sara Jones, Director, Elko Public Library and Nevada Library Association President; Ann O'Neill, Director, Office of Accreditation, ALA; Martha Hale, Professor, Emporia State University; Kurt McKay, UIUC Distance Education Outreach

Panel discussion of resident and distance MLS programs, trends, the future direction of library education and implications of accredited (or non accredited) programs in the MPLA region. Several panelists participated in the recent ALA Congress on Professional Education and will share the perspective of the Congress. Sponsored by MPLA Continuing Education Committee and MPLA New Members Round Table

Will We Need Libraries in the 21st Century?

Sarah Long, Past President, American Library Association

A changing society and new technology have provided both opportunities and challenges to libraries. Find out how libraries can build a community by taking advantage of these new opportunities and turning challenges into successes. Sponsored by NLA Public Library Section and MPLA Public Library/Trustee Section

Reaching Out for Readers

Jean Hatfield, Youth Outreach, Johnson County (KS) Library, Kathy McLellan, Youth Outreach, Johnson County (KS) Library

More and more children spend a large portion of their day in some kind of child-care setting. How can libraries bring services and materials to them? Johnson County Library staff will discuss their outreach services to child-care providers. Sponsored by MPLA Children's and School Section

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Thursday

WHCLIST Steering Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting)

4:10 - 5:00 PM

Thursday, 5th Session

Mining the Gold in the Golden Sower Program

Nancy Sharp Wagner, Millard Public Schools, Omaha, Rebecca Dietle, Millard Public Schools, Omaha, Susan Fees, Millard Public Schools, Omaha

The Nebraska Children's Choice Book Award Program is the focus for this session. Presenters will look at some of the resources and activities provided for the sharing of these titles with children and adults. Sponsored by NEMA

E-Reserves: From Print to Digital

Marie Reidelbach, Associate Director for Public Services, McGoogan Library, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha; Tom Gensichen, Head of

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Systems, McGoogen Library, University of Nebraska
Medical Center, Omaha

Reserve collections in many academic libraries have traditionally been available only to users within the library walls. Recently, many libraries have begun to offer their users electronic course reserves or e-reserves. This session will offer an overview of electronic reserve, vendors who offer e-reserve software/hardware solutions, copyright and property rights associated with providing course reserves electronically, and the e-reserve service provided through UNMC. Sponsored by NLA Information Technology and Access Round Table

An Interview with a 500 Year Old Librarian

Don Sager, Publisher, Highsmith Press; Sarah Long, Past President, American Library Association

ALA President Sarah Long interviews the 500 year-old librarian to reveal the humorous side of library history, from Casanova to Melvil Dewey. The 500-year old librarian will also offer practical solutions to common problems, such as how to keep elephants out of your library, and his solution to filtering the Internet. Sponsored by NLA Public Library Section and MPLA Public Library Section

Job Search 2000

Rod Wagner, Director, Nebraska Library Commission; Becky Pasco, Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha; David Oberhelman, Assistant Professor, Oklahoma State University

Panelists representing public, school, and academic libraries will discuss and answer questions about finding professional positions and techniques for career development. Library school students, new librarians, or anyone interested in a professional job will benefit. Sponsored by MPLA New Members Round Table and MPLA Continuing Education Committee

Storytelling Tools and Techniques

Jym Kruse, Nebraska Author and Storyteller

Designed for both seasoned veterans and beginning storytellers, this session weaves together methodology and example to show the possibilities of storytelling in the library setting. Special emphasis will be placed on choosing stories for oral presentation and exploring techniques to help those stories come alive. Sponsored by NEMA

5:00 – 5:30 PM

Business Meetings

MPLA Academic Section, Kathy Kaya, Chair

MPLA Children's and School Section Marquita Boehnke, Chair

MPLA Government Documents Section Vicki Nozero, Chair

MPLA Public Library/Trustee Section, Elvita Landau, Chair

MPLA Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section, Dana W.R. Boden, Chair

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Exhibitors' Reception

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Thursday Banquet

NLA/NEMA/MPLA Awards Banquet

Mary Nash, Sandy White, and Marilyn Hinshaw, Presidents

Well-Traveled Seeds

Jym Kruse, Nebraska Author and Storyteller

Whether soaring on the wings of the oral tradition or emerging from our memories and dreams, stories often journey to unexpected destinations. The Stories offered here this evening have taken several detours along the way and are looking for a place to take root and grow. Sponsored by MPLA, NLA and NEMA

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Friday **October 27, 2000**

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Conference Registration**

7:00 – 8:00 AM **Breakfasts**

AASL/SIRS Mandarin, Inc. Continental Breakfast

Exhibitors' Breakfast

7:00 – 8:00 AM **Business Meetings**

MPLA New Members Round Table and Breakfast David Oberhelman, Chair

MPLA State Agencies, Cooperatives and Systems Section Jane Hatch, Chair

Emphasis on reuniting longtime members and giving new members an opportunity for section mentoring.

NLA Information Technology and Access Round Table Paul Hoffman, Chair

NLA New Members Round Table Scott Childers, Chair

Presentation of the NMRT Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award and the NMRT Mentor of the Year Award

NLA Technical Services Round Table Georgene Fawcett, Chair

For members and those who would like to become members.

8:00 – 9:00 AM **WHCLIST Business Meeting II**

8:00 – 10:30 AM **The Big Idea Exchange**

If you submitted an idea, don't forget to visit Ford Hall to pick up your packet of ideas.

8:00 – 8:50 AM **Friday, 1st Session**

Golden Sower Award Presentation (Part 1 of 2)

Coming to the conference to receive awards are:

Jackie French Koller, author of **No Such Thing**, grades K-3
Betsy Lewin, illustrator of **No Such Thing**, grades K-3
Roland Smith, author of **Jaguar**, grades 4-6

Margaret Peterson Haddix, author of **Please Don't Read this Mrs. Dumphrey**, Young Adult, will not be able to attend the conference. Sponsored by the Golden Sower Committee of the NLA School, Children's and Young People's Section

Encoded Archival Description: Developing Access, Standards, and Skills (Part 1 of 2)

Mary Ellen Ducey, Special Collections/Archives Librarian, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Gina L.B. Minks, Special Collection Librarian, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Encoded Archival Description (EAD) assists in Internet access to finding aids or guides to materials held in special collections. This session will discuss EAD implementation, software and conversion of print or electronic finding aids. Examples of EAD encoded finding aids and locating additional information on EAD will be included. Sponsored by MPLA Preservation, Archives and Special Collections Section

Internet Law and Libraries

John Horan, Cline Williams Wright Johnson and Oldfather, Lincoln, NE

The advent of the Internet brings with it many opportunities for information delivery. However, with these opportunities come concerns. As librarians and educators we worry about copyright, plagiarism and pornography. John Horan will discuss Internet laws and their effect on libraries. Sponsored by NLA College and University Section and MPLA Academic Section

Copyright for the K-12 Educator (Part 1 of 2)

Phyllis Brunken, Media Director, ESU #7 (NE)

This presentation will provide an overview of what are the implications of the copyright law for the K-12 educator in both the regular classroom and the distance learning classroom. Topics to be discussed are: Concepts of Fair Use, When and How is a Copyright Created, Do Students Have Copyrights, and How to Get Copyright Releases. Sponsored by NEMA

Can E-Books Improve Libraries? (Part 1 of 2)

Chris Rippel, Head of Continuing Education, Great Bend, KS

Electronic books are not just another media on library shelves. E-Books could be purchased, downloaded, and

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checked out minutes after being requested by patrons. However, implementing this capability requires redefining interrelationships among circulation, acquisitions, and technical processing. Participants will learn about E-Book technology and discuss its potential effects on libraries. Sponsored by MPLA Public Library Section

9:05 – 9:55 AM **Friday, 2nd Session**

Golden Sower Award Presentation (Part 2 of 2)

Librarians and City Clerks: Partners for Library Success

Introductions by Carol Speicher, Administrator, Northeast (NE) Library System; Dianne Werner, Battle Creek (NE) City Clerk; Kathy Ageton, Battle Creek (NE) Library Director; Barb Cotter, Stromshurg (NE) City Clerk; Diana Johnson, Stromshurg (NE) Library Director

Topics to be discussed: the library budget process; the working relationship among the trustees, city clerk, and library director; public library governance; how libraries are operated and funded; state statutes pertaining to library operations. Opportunities for questions and discussion of how other communities handle library funding issues. Names and numbers of contact persons for advice when library issues arise will be given. sponsored by NLA Trustees, Users, and Friends Section

Encoded Archival (Part 2 of 2)

Copyright for the K-12 Educator (Part 2 of 2)

Can E-Books Improve Libraries? (Part 2 of 2)

9:55 – 10:30 AM **Exhibitors' Break**
NLA NMRT Friendliest Vendor Award

10:15 – 11:30 AM

Rural Libraries Status: Where They Are; Issues Confronting Them

Dr. George Straussler and Ruth Straussler, Director Neligh Public Library, Neligh, NE

Overview of how states are dealing with rural library issues. Sponsored by WHCLIST.

10:30 – 11:30 PM **Friday General Session**

Data Smog: The Search for Meaning and Balance in an Info-Rich World

David Shenk, Author, NPR Commentator and student of the Internet

Nebraska Library Commission Leadership Development Series The information revolution offers us a wealth of new choices and conveniences, and a chance at real social progress. But to get there we're going to have to navigate the serious new challenges of information overload, constant distraction and consumer gluttony. David Shenk, author of *Data Smog* and *The End of Patience*, offers some suggestions on how to think about the unintended consequences of information technology-and what we can do to make the best of our new tools. sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission

11:45 AM– 1:15 PM **Business Meetings/Luncheons**

11:45 – 1:00 PM WHCLIST Luncheon

NLA College and University Section Jim Shaw, Chair

NLA Paraprofessional Section Jeff Tangeman, Chair

NLA Public Library Section Sally Payne, Chair

And Our Final Choice Is....

Come share a wonderful lunch, an invigorating meeting and the presentation of the section's prestigious Excalibur Award. Learn who has been named as our "Final Choice" to be the recipient of the Excalibur Award for the first year of the century.

NLA School, Children's and Young People's Section

Mad Hatter Award Luncheon Pat Leach, Chair

NLA Special and Institutional Section Tom Schmitz, Chair

NLA Trustees, Users, and Friends Section Award Presentation Martha Drayton, Chair

12:45 – 1:15 MPLA Business Meeting for the general membership of MPLA

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1:20-2:45 Special Tour of infoUSA

infoUSA Library Division will be conducting a tour of the their facility and see how this company builds and maintains a proprietary database of more than 12 million businesses to produce Reference USA, The American Business Disc, and other database products.

1:30 – 2:20 PM Friday, 3rd Session

NebrasKard: The Best Thing Since Sliced Bread

NebrasKard Advisory Committee

Come and hear how the NebrasKard, a proposed statewide library card, will benefit your library customers. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions. Sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission

Not Just for Kids: Adult Beading Programs In Public Libraries

Introductions by Elvita Landau MPLA Public Library/Trustee Section Chair, Denise Smith, Stanton County (KS) Library, Laureen Reidesel, Beatrice (NE) Public Library, Jean Hatfield, Johnson County (KS) Library, Shawnee

A panel of librarians from different sized libraries that have conducted successful adult reading programs will “show and tell” from their libraries, **giving** tips on **successes** and **pitfall avoidance**. Attendees are encouraged to bring samples from their library programs. Sponsored by NLA Public Library Section, NLA Trustees, Users, and Friends Section, and MPLA Public Library/Trustee Section

Developing Quality Performance: Key Principles for Supervisors

Carol Lechner, Library Specialist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Developing Quality Performance (DPQ) will offer managers and supervisors basic key principles for successfully managing work units. An effective and efficient staff requires that managers learn and practice the skills needed for progressive leadership. Sponsored by NLA Paraprofessional Section

Is There A Lawsuit in Your Future? (Part 1 of 2)

Ellen Miller, Past President of Kansas Library Trustee Association

Trustees, this one's for you! Bring your questions. Learn about “The big picture.” “Three must-have policies,” “Federal must-know laws; ADA, FLSA, S-E-X.” “ABCs of hiring and firing.” and ‘Guarding against lawsuits and grievances.’ Kansas trustee Ellen Miller tells it like it is. Sponsored by NLA Trustees, Users and Friends

1:45 – 2:45 PM Advocacy: an Overview

Charles Beard

Does it do any good? Why do it? How do you do it? Sponsored by WHCLIST

2:20 – 2:45 PM Break

2:45 – 3:35 PM Friday, 4th Session

Information Power 2000 for Library Professionals (Part 1 of 2)

NE Information Power Implementation Committee

What can you do to take Information Power to the next level? At this round table session you will learn new strategies for implementing Information Power. Topics: Advocacy, Information Literacy: Standards, Correlations & Assessment; Technology: Librarians...Online; and IP & the Public Library. Sponsored by NEMA

Hot Off the Press

Peggy Cass, Information Specialist, Millard Public Schools, Omaha; Gail Helton, Information Specialist, Millard Public Schools, Omaha

Kick back, relax and enjoy book reviews on the newest and best books for storytelling and curriculum tie-ins. Sponsored by NEMA

The Public Library and Home Schoolers

Julie Tomlianovich, System Children's Consultant, South Central KS Library System

Discover a variety of ways to serve and understand the **homeschoolers** needs at the public library, without adding stress to Staff or administration. Sponsored by MPLA Children's and School Section

Engage, Elicit, Experience, Explore: Applying Discovery Learning to Library Instruction (Part 1 of 2)

Paul S. Hoffman, Assistant Professor, Library Instruction, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Tracy Bicknell-Holmes, Central Reference Services, University

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of Nebraska-Lincoln, Gail Latta, Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Discovery Learning permits instructors to select from a variety of techniques for presenting knowledge and skills in a manner that makes content adaptable, challenging, and stimulating to students. It can improve students' understanding, retention, and mastery of concepts and skills that require judgment and decision-making. **Discovery learning** offers librarians an effective way to engage learners across the constantly changing landscape of technology and user needs. sponsored by MPLA Academic Section

Libraries: Intellectual Freedom and Crisis Communications Management (Part 1 of 2)

Lee Brawner, Public Library, Administrator/Consultant

Presents a case history of Oklahoma City Library System's two-year response to censorship assaults and a related federal court lawsuit. Examines the library's response including consultation in "crisis communications management" ending in a successful response to the First Amendment challenges. Provides response techniques for other libraries; includes audience participation. Sponsored by MPLA Intellectual Freedom Committee and NLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Is there A Lawsuit in Your Future? (Part 2 of 2)

Table Talks in Ford Hall

Topics include: Legislative Issues, Adult Reading Programs; Reaching the Unreachables; Cooperative Encounters Between Public Libraries and Schools-Let It Begin; Friends-Worth their Weight in Gold. Sponsored by NLA Public Library Section. NLA Trustees, Users, and Friends, and MPLA Public Library/Trustee Section

3:00 - 4:00 PM Legislative Update

Mary Constabile, ALA Washington Office Sponsored by WHCLIST

3:45 - 4:35 PM Friday, 5th Session

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Disasters-Natural and Unnatural: First Steps to Library Preparedness

Katherine L. Walter, Special Collections and Preservation Department, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Basic information on how to prepare for disasters in libraries. What to do to mitigate disasters-planning documents, supplies and training. Sponsored by NLA Special and Institutional Section

Engage, Elicit, Experience, Explore: Applying Discovery Learning to Library Instruction (Part 2 of 2)

Searching the American Memory Collection

Mary Reiman, Media Specialist, Southeast High School, Lincoln

The digitized American Memory Collection allows all of us to access primary documents from the Library of Congress. This presentation, including lesson plans created by teams of media specialists and teachers, shows how to use the many resources in the collection with our middle level and high school students. Sponsored by NEMA

Libraries: Intellectual Freedom and Crisis Communications Management (Part 2 of 2)

4:30 - 6:30 PM Tour of Boys Town

Tour includes Hall of History, shrine, Father Flanagan's house and chapel. Sponsored by WHCLIST

6:30 PM WHCLIST Awards Banquet

Awards Banquet will be held at BoysTown.

Saturday MPLA and Golden Sower Programs

Saturday **October 28, 2000**

2:00 – 2:50 PM

Concurrent Sessions

9:00 AM – Noon MPLA Executive Board Meeting for all new board members

***Storytelling Performance**
Diane Cox, Omaha Public Schools

Saturday Golden Sower Programs and Events
(WHCLIST Saturday programs on next page.)

***Art and Literature Connections in the Primary Grades**
Mary Matis, Omaha Public Schools

7:30 AM – 10:00AM **Registration**

“Denotes sessions planned expressly for children: adults are welcome to attend”

8:30 – 9:20 AM **Joan Lowery Nixon**
Author of more than 100 books, including *Whispers from the Dead*, and four-time Edgar Allan Poe Award winner for Best Juvenile Mystery

A Preview of the 2001-2002 Golden Sower Lists
Nancy Martin, Norris Public Schools
Karla Wendelin, Norris Public Schools.

9:30 – 10:20 AM **Concurrent Sessions**

***Storytelling Performance**
Lucille Saunders, Omaha Public Schools

Autographing by Featured Authors

***Art and Literature Connections in the Intermediate Grades**
Lou Kinderknecht, Omaha Public Schools

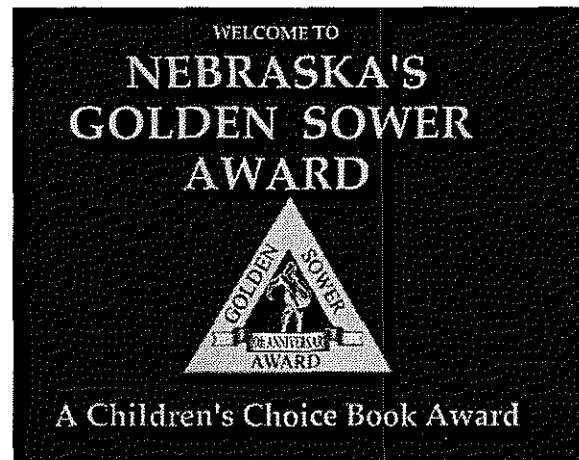
3:00 – 4:00 PM **Golden Sower Party**

*Denotes sessions planned expressly for children: adults are welcome to attend

Publishing Student Work on the Golden Sower Website
Mary Ehlers, Millard Public Schools

Autographing by Featured Authors

10:30 – 11:20 AM **Bill Wallace**
Author and two-time recipient of the Golden Sower Award for *A Dog Called Kitty* and *Ferret in the Bedroom*, *Lizards in the Fridge*



11:20 – 1:00 PM **Lunch on your own**

1:00 – 1:50 PM **Ann Jonas**
Author and award-winning illustrator of children's books including *Round Trip*.

Saturday WHCLIST Programs and Events

WHCLIST Saturday Programs and Events

2:00 – 3:00 PM

8:00 – 9:00 AM WHCLIST Business Meeting
III

What are States Doing about Funding Library
Services?

9:15 – 10:45 AM

Dr. Stan Gardner, Moderator, Richard Miller,
Nebraska Library Commission, and others

National Commission Library and
Information Services Update

Sponsored by WHCLIST

Martha Gould, Chair of NCLIS, Joan Challinor and
Bob Willard sponsored by WHCLIST

3:00 – 4:00 PM

11:00 AM – Noon

WHCLIST Regional Representatives Breakout
Session

Discussion of National Forum on Library and
Information Services

4:00 – 5:00 PM

12:15 – 1:30 WHCLIST Luncheon Program

WHCLIST Steering Committee Meeting
(Closed Meeting)

Federal Responsibilities towards Libraries.

U. S. Senator Robert Kerrey (or representative from
Senator Kerrey's office)

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Pre-ConferenceW2

Charting a Course with Information Literacy -- Registration requirements in program information.

No Fee-Please put check mark here if planning to attend. _____

Post-Conference

Golden Sower 20th Anniversary Celebration

Adult \$30

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A list of children's names should be attached to the form

Total Registration \$ _____

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Phone: 402-359-9924 or mail: nlittle@radiks.net

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| Wednesday | NEMA Board Dinner (M1) | -meat -vegetarian | \$18.80 | \$_____ |
| Thursday | NLA Business Meeting Luncheon (M2) | -meat -vegetarian | \$11.25 | \$_____ |
| | NEMA Business Meeting Luncheon (M3) | -meat -vegetarian | \$11.25 | \$_____ |
| | Awards Banquet (M4) | -meat -vegetarian | \$22.35 | \$_____ |
| Friday | MPLA New Member's Round Table (M5) | -meat -vegetarian | \$10.70 | \$_____ |
| | College and University Luncheon (M7) | -meat -vegetarian | \$10.70 | \$_____ |
| | Paraprofessionals Luncheon (M8) | -meat -vegetarian | \$10.70 | \$_____ |
| | SCYP Luncheon (M9) | -meat -vegetarian | \$10.70 | \$_____ |
| | Special & Institutions Luncheon (M10) | ___meat -vegetarian | \$10.70 | \$_____ |
| | Public Library Luncheon (M11) | ___meat ___vegetarian | \$10.70 | \$_____ |
| | TUFS Luncheon (M12) | -meat ___vegetarian | \$10.70 | \$_____ |
| | WHCLIST Speaker Luncheon (M13) | | \$15.00 | \$_____ |
| | WHCLIST Awards Banquet (M14) | | \$20.00 | \$_____ |
| Saturday | WHCLIST Luncheon (M15) | | \$18.00 | \$_____ |

Total Meals \$_____

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Menu Selections

Wednesday Dinner

(NEMA Board Mtg.)

“Breast of Chicken Piccata” (sautéed with lemon & capers
“Stir Fried Vegetables on Wild Rice” (vegetarian)

Thursday Luncheon

Pasta Salad, fresh fruit

Thursday Dinner

“Roast London Broil” (sliced & served on onion/garlic
w/hunter sauce)

“Eggplant Parmesan” (vegetarian)

Friday Breakfast

(MPLA New Members)

Breakfast Casserole (eggs, cream, onions, mushrooms,
peppers & potatoes in hollandaise sauce)

Friday Luncheon

“Chicken Salad Croissant”, fruit salad, potato chips
“Egg Salad Croissant” (vegetarian), fruit salad, potato chips
(WHCLIST Luncheon)
Beef Stroganoff with noodles, whipped potatoes, baby glazed
carrots, sherbet parfait

Friday Dinner

(WHCLIST Awards Banquet)

Prime Rib w/baked potato, green beans almondine, fruit
compote and Chocolate torte cake

Saturday Luncheon

(WHCLIST Luncheon)

Top New York Strip – 10oz /w sautéed mushrooms, baked
potato, baby glazed carrots, chocolate mousse parfait

Please complete both sides of the registration and program forms.

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PROGRAM PLANNING FORM

Please indicate the sessions you plan to attend

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2000

TU1-Orientation Dinner Social (7:00 PM)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2000

W1-Benchmarking for Strategic Performance

w2-Power up II

W3-Professional Ethics

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2000

WH1-WHCLIST Business Meeting (8:00 AM)

8:30 First Session

T2-Building Community:

T3-Getting the Most for Your Money:

T4-Storytime Lifesavers

T5-Working with Special Needs Students...

9:35 Second Session

T6-Public Libraries/ School Libraries:

T7-Want to be a School Media Specialist?

T8-Get Hooked on Reading

T9-Experience the Ultimate Keyword Search--

TIO-Networking:

11:00 General Session

T11-Steve Coffman

12:00 Lunch/Meeting

T12-NEMA Luncheon/Business Meeting

T13-NLA Luncheon/Business Meeting

Pre-conference

w4-MPLA Board Business Meeting

Evening Activities

W5-Opening Reception Joslyn Art Museum
(6:30-8:30 PM)

1:45 Third Session

T14-Art in Caldecott Award Winners

T15-Spin a Web of Stories

T16-What to Do About CE & Training...

T18-School Library Media Centers Count--

T19-Tour Ford Conservation Center

3:05 Fourth Session

T20-Nebraska Guide

T21-So You Want to Go to Library School?

T22-Will We Need Libraries 21st Century?

T23- Reaching Out for Readers

4:10 Fifth Session

T24-Mining Gold in Golden Sower

T25-E-Reserves Program

T26-Interview with 500 Year Old Librarian

T27-Job Search 2000

T28-Storytelling Tools and Techniques

5:00 Business Meetings

T29-MPLA Academic

T30-MPLA Children's & School

T31-MPLA Government Documents

T32-MPLA Public Library/Trustee

T33-MPLA Preservation, Archives &
Special Collections

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2000

7:00 Business Meetings

- F1___MPLA New Members Round Table
- F2___MPLA State Agencies, Cooperatives & Systems
- F3___NLA Information Technology
- F4___NLA New Members Round Table
- F5___NLA Technical Services Round Table

WH2___WHCLIST Business Meeting (8:00 AM)

8:00 First Session

F6___Golden Sower Award Presentation

F7E n c o d e d Archival Description:

- F8___Internet Law &Libraries
- F9___Copyright for the K-12 Educator
- F10___Can E-Books Improve Libraries ?

9:05 Second Session

F11-Librarians & City Clerks

WH3___WHCLIST Rural Libraries Status (10:15 AM)

10:30 General Session

F12-Data Smog:

12:45 -1:15

F26___MPLA General Business Meeting

1:20 - 2:45

F25___infoUSA Special Tour

1:30 Third Session

- F13___NebrasKard
- F14___Not lust for Kids
- F15-Developing Quality Performance
- F16___IsThere a Lawsuit in Your Future?

WH4___WHCLIST Advocacy: (1:45 PM)

2:45 Fourth Session

- F17___Hot off the Press
- F18___Information Power 2000 for..
- F19___Public Library &Home Schoolers
- F20___Engage, Elicit, Experience, Explore
- F21___Libraries: Intellectual Freedom..
- F22___Table Talks in Ford Hall

WH5___WHCLIST Legislative Update (3:00 PM)

3:45 Fifth Session

- F23___Disasters-Natural & Unnatural:
- F24-Searching the American Memory.

WH6___WHCLIST Tour Boys Town (4:30 PM Bus)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2000

Golden Sower 20th Anniversary

- S1-Golden Sower
- S2___MPLA Executive Board Meeting for all new board members

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- WH7___WHCLIST Business Meeting (8:00 AM)
- WH8___WHCLIST NCLIS Update:@:15 AM)
- WH9___WHCLIST National Forum Library & Information Services (11:00 AM)
- WH10___WHCLIST Federal Responsibilities Towards Libraries (12:15 PM)
- WH11WHCLIST State Funding Panel (2:00 PM)
- WH12___WHCLIST Regional Reps Breakout (3:00 PM)

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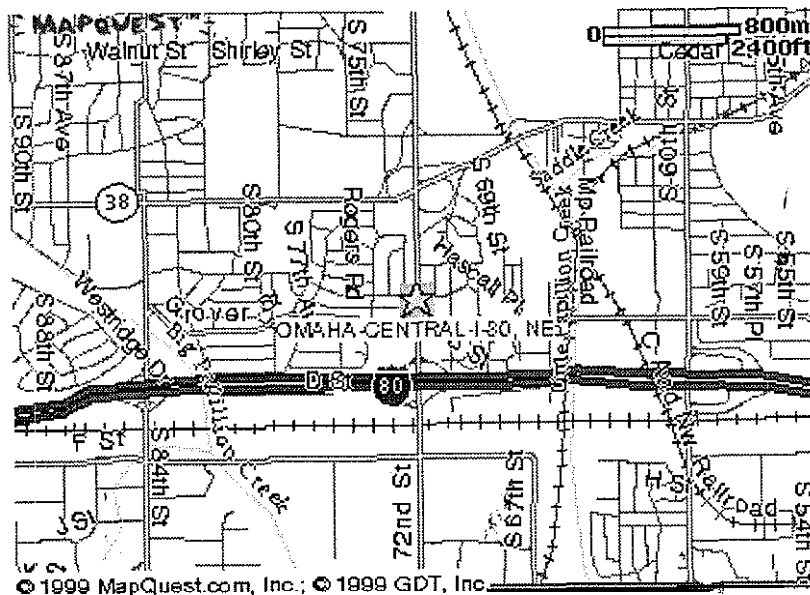
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* Valet Service, dry cleaning, coin-operated laundry

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* Car rental, limo service

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MPLA/NLA/NEMA Tri-Conference
October 24-29, 2000

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| Trustees, Friends, Retired, Unemployed, Non-salaried, Students | \$15.00 |
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- **Dues:** Memberships expire one year from the month of renewal.
- **Make checks payable to Nebraska Educational Media Association. Send to: Joie Taylor, Executive Secretary, 230131st St., Columbus, NE 68601**

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Dues Structure

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| 3 Year Individual/Institution | \$50.00 | |
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“The purpose of the Nebraska Educational Media Association is to provide visionary leadership and support for the educational library media professionals and advocate for library media programs throughout the state of Nebraska.”

MPLA/NLA/NEMA 2000 Tri-Conference Events

Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Reception at the Joslyn Art Museum

The Joslyn Art Museum is the site of the All-Conference Reception featuring hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and the live folk and acoustic music of Duggan & Doyle. Several recently refurbished galleries and the Storz Fountain Court will be open for viewing. The special exhibition will be "An American Century of Photography from Dry-plate to Digital" from the Hallmark American Photography Collection. Each attendee will receive a coupon for one free beverage at the door. Spouses are welcome.

A shuttle bus will leave the Holiday Inn north entrance at 6:30 and run continuously between the Holiday Inn and the Joslyn.

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More about the musicians:

Tim Duggan, married to MPLA's Heidi Nickisch Duggan, and Kevin Doyle have been mainstays of the Omaha folk and acoustic music scene for years, combining fresh songwriting with vocal harmonies and sweet accompaniment on guitar and mandolin. Both musicians have roots in Nebraska. Friends since the sixth grade, Tim and Kevin played music together in high school and over the following several years. Both men have been writing songs since the early eighties and released their first recording "Something Out There" in 1994. A second CD, "Natural Progression," came out in 1996 and is a mix of folk, country, bluegrass and reggae. The singers have been featured on Omaha television and several radio programs, including the nationally syndicated River City Folk. Tim recently wrote and performed theme music for the South Dakota Public Radio series, "South Dakota Century."

Thursday 9:00 – Midnight

Shuttle Service to the Old Market and Iowa Casinos

Shuttle service will begin after the Thursday night banquet and run continuous loops from the Holiday Inn to the Old Market to the Iowa casinos and back to the Holiday Inn. Meet at Holiday Inn north entrance.

Friday 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Tours of Local Libraries

Tour any of the new and recently renovated local area libraries. Many of the Omaha area libraries have undergone extensive projects within the last year. Choose from the:

- Millard and Benson branches of Omaha Public Library (expansions)
- LaVista Public Library/Metro Community College Sarpy County Center (new construction)
- McGoogan Library of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (renovated and expanded)
- Ralston Public Library (new construction).

Sign up at the Hospitality Table. Transportation provided. Meet at Holiday Inn north entrance.

Friday 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Tour of Boys Town

Hall of History: This intriguing museum tells the story of how a young Irish immigrant priest changed the way the world cares for troubled children. You'll be moved by the dramatic account of one man's dream to provide a home for abused, abandoned, neglected, and disabled children. On display is the horse-drawn circus wagon that Father Flanagan's Juvenile Entertainers used to tour the Midwest in the 1920's. On board the Flexible Flyer bus that took young athletes to competitions across the country you can view a video detailing Boys Town's sports history. Other exhibits give a close up look at the daily lives of Boys Town residents through the years. Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney starred in the 1938 smash hit film "Boys Town." Tracy gave his Academy Award to Father Flanagan, and the Oscar is here on exhibit. Audio-visual displays, life-size figures and thousands of photos and authentic artifacts will bring Boys Town's colorful history to life for you.

Father Flanagan House: Imagine it's the 1930s and walk through the Father Flanagan House. Many boys hoped for a chance at kitchen duty here when Father entertained movie stars, professional athletes, and national leaders. The home's renovated interior reflects the time period when the famous priest lived there, and many of his possessions are on display.

A bus will leave the Holiday Inn North Entrance at 4:30 PM

Check the Tri-Conference Web Site for further information and updates!
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What To Do In Omaha...

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Visitors to Omaha don't have to look very hard to find amusement. The city has come alive in recent years, offering a variety of activities for all ages. From bookstores to a nationally acclaimed zoo, Omaha offers something to please everyone.

Bookstores

If you're the type of librarian who works all day in a library, yet cannot stay out of a bookstore after hours you might try:

*Border's (72nd and Dodge), *Barnes & Noble (72nd and Dodge), *The Bookworm (8702 Pacific), *Read All About It (Oakview Mall), *Jackson Street Booksellers (1119 Jackson), New Realities (1026 Howard St), Merchant of Venus (5119 Leavenworth St.), Mystery Bookstore (1422 S. 13th St.) and Soul Desires (1026 Jackson St.).

Casinos

Do you enjoy an evening trying your luck at the casinos? Head for:

*Harvey's (Harvey's Blvd, Council Bluffs), or
*Ameristar (I-29 Nebraska Ave. Exit Council Bluffs).

Museums

If you prefer touring museums to taking chances, try Omaha's finest:

*Joslyn Art Museum (2200 Dodge St.) featuring the Hallmark Photographic Collection: *An American Century of Photography from Dry-Plate to Digital*, the *Durham Western Heritage Museum (Old Market), the * SAC Aerospace Museum (180 Exit 426) or the *Boys Town Museum (132nd and Dodge).

Shopping Areas

If you like to spend money but want to be assured of taking something home, the local shopping areas may be more your style. Try:

*Oakview Mall (3001 S 144th St.), the * Old Market (10th St - 13th St and Farnam- Leavenworth), *Westroads Mall (102 & West Dodge), the upscale *One Pacific Place (10300 Pacific), Warren Buffett's famous Borsheims (120 Regency Pkwy) for exquisite jewelry at discounted prices and Nebraska Furniture Mart (700 S 72nd St).

Live Performances

Conference attendees may choose between a couple of performances while in town:

The Omaha Community Playhouse is one of the largest amateur playhouses in the US. featuring high caliber performances. "Communicating Doors" by Alan Ayckbom, a time-traveling comedy/thriller, is being staged during the conference. (6915 Cass St. - 402-553-0800)

The Orpheum Theater is hosting the Omaha Symphony Oct. 27-28. The program "Sibelius Finlandia," is a Scandinavian salute with guest pianist Esther Budiardjo. (409 S 16th St.- 402-342-3836)

* Voted a favorite by a substantial number of Omaha area librarians. But you can't miss with any of these.

Children's Activities

For those combining the conference with a family getaway, several Omaha institutions will fit the bill:

*Omaha Children's Museum (500 S. 20th St.), *Henry Doorly Zoo (3701 S 10th St.) with its Lied Jungle, IMAX and new aquarium and the *Rose Blumkin Performing Arts Center which will be staging the popular "Julie and the Wolves" Friday, Saturday and Sunday (2001 Farnam St.- 402-345-4849).

Restaurants

Ok, ready to eat? What do you like - traditional, ethnic? It's here. Some of librarians' favorites in town for dinner are:

*Vivace (500 S. 20th St. - Old Market), *Upstream Brewery (514 S 11th St. Old Market), Indian Oven (1010 Howard St. - Old Market), the French Café (1017 Howard St. Old Market), Lo Sole Mio Ristorante Italiano (3548 Center St), Greek Islands (3821 Center St), Jaipur (Indian) (10922 Elm St), *Sushi Ichiban (Japanese) (8035 W Dodge Rd), Tamam (vegetarian) (1009 Farnam St -Old Market), Trini's (Mexican) (1020 Howard St-Old Market), *The Flatiron (1722 Howard St-just off Old Market), *Ahmad's (Persian) (1006 Howard St -Old Market), M's Pub (422 S 11th St Old Market), *Butsy LeDoux (Cajun) (1014 Howard St-Old Market).

Looking for a little between meals place or maybe a little breakfast? Try:

*Garden Café (12th and Hamey -Old Market), *Farmhouse Café (3461 S 84th St), *Delice (1206 Howard St. Old Market), La Panera (7528 Dodge St.), or Espresso Mary's (5 111 Leavenworth St)

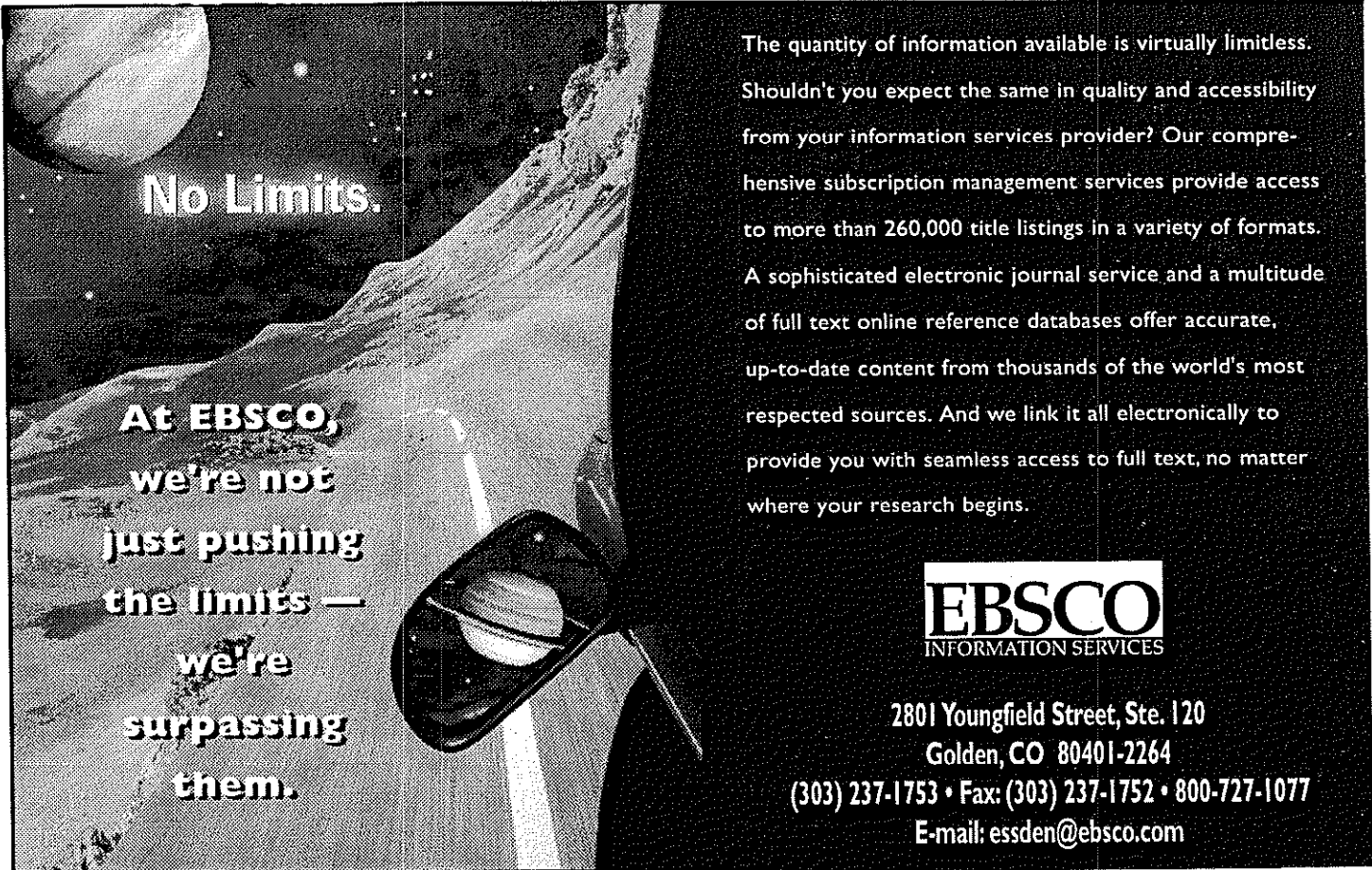
Pubs

For those who enjoy a good pub to end the day, there are some great ones:

*M's (422 S 11th St -Old Market), *Dundee Dell (4964 Dodge St • Dundee), Brazen Head Irish Pub (with bartenders from Ireland) (319 N 78th St.), *Upstream Brewery (514 S/ 11th St. Old Market), *Old Chicago (1111 Hamey St -Old Market), *Dubliner (Irish pub) (1205 Hamey St • Old Market), *Mr. Toad's (1002 Howard St • Old Market), and McKenna's (for jazz and blues) (7425 Pacific St).

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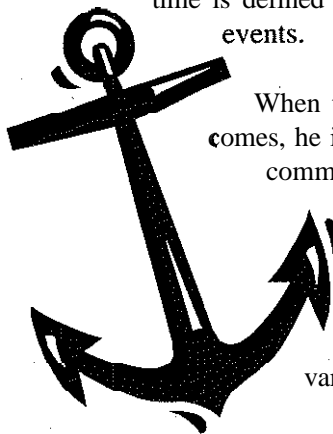
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- 1) An Executive officer is 2nd in command of a navy ship. He has not received a promotion to a command of his own because of the assessment of his Commanding Officer. Highly popular with the crew, he is considered a light weight—that term defined by the question of whether, in crisis, he could make the call to sacrifice crew whom he saw as friends. Bottom line, wartime is defined by the expectation of crisis events.



When the expected disaster comes, he is left the lead officer in command of a small group of survivors on a captured Nazi sub. In the face of the catastrophe they have experienced, the crew are struggling with a variety of options and their

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divergent opinions of what actions to take. When his answer is "I don't know", the inter-crew struggles escalate. The conflict is multi-layered • with crew, with the assignment, with the elements and with himself. This latter century mirror of the Essex story ends when the leader grows into his shoes; he uses his skills, makes bold moves and takes great risks. The movie is memorable not only because of the heroic task which is accomplished, but in its revelation of what constitutes leadership, what is desirable in a leader.

A group of newly minted pilots received instruction in the art of survival. Equipment issued as training gear includes a "survival vest" which contains tools and supplies to help the pilot survive and escape capture. In a final outing, they are taken for a test in wilderness terrain. In group tents at base camp their last session is with an "expert" — a pilot downed in Korea, discovered by enemy troops and imprisoned in a concentration camp. Relating his story, he told them that first he SUR-

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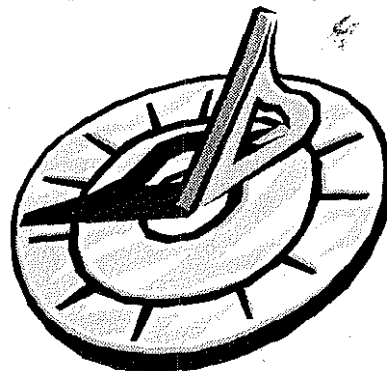
UPCOMING EVENTS

2000

- **September-Library Card Sign-Up Month**
- **September 14 — 17 — Colorado Library Association Annual Conference**, Snowmass. "Enhancing Information: Libraries Add Value."
- **September 20 — 22 — North Dakota Library Association Annual Conference**, Dickinson. "North Dakota Libraries at the Dawn of a New Century" ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/
- **September 19 — 20 -The KPLACE Roundtable (a division of KLA) Fall Conference**, Wichita.
- **September 23 — 26 — Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association 28th Annual Meeting**, Denver. "Doing the Impossible" www.kumc.edu/mcmla/2000
- **September 23 — 27 -Banned Books Week**, "Celebrate the Freedom to Read"
- **October 4 — 6 -South Dakota Library Association**, Rapid City. "Libraries Are For a Lifetime" www.usd.edu/sdla/
- **October 5 — 7 -Nevada Library Association Annual Conference**, Reno. "Nevada Libraries: Launching into the New Millennium"
- **October 23 — 27 — National Libraries: Interpreting the Past, Shaping the Future**, Library of Congress. The conference will deal with the role of national libraries or a single library within a national or international cultural context. www.lcweb.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/
- **October 25 — 28 — MPLA/NLA/NEMA Tri-conference**, Omaha. "Beyond the Horizon Charting Our Course to the Future" <http://reinert.creighton.edu/triconf>
- **November 30 — December 2 -"Vision, Mission, Reality: Creating Libraries in the 21st Century"** A Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) National Institute, Palm Springs, CA. www.ala.org/lama/vision.

Future MPLA Conferences

- 2000 -- Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association, Omaha, 25-28 October.
- 2001 -- Arizona Library Association, Phoenix, November/December.
- 2002 -- North Dakota & South Dakota Library Associations, Fargo, ND, Oct. 2-3.
- 2003 -- Nevada Library Association, Lake Tahoe.
- 2004 -- Colorado Library Association, Snow Mass.
- 2005 -- Wyoming Library Association, TBA.



2001

- **January 17 — 21 — ALA Midwinter Meeting**, Washington, D.C.
- **March 1 — 3 — PLA Spring Symposium**, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago.
- **March 15 — 18 — ACRL National Conference**, Denver.
- **June 14 — 20 -ALA Annual Conference**, San Francisco.

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MPLA Professional Development Grant Evaluative Report

— Elizabeth H. McClelland
Bozeman (MT) Public Library



Editor's Note: Elizabeth H. McClelland attended the XXXIV Reunion Nacional de Bibliotecarios 2000, and the 26th Exposicion Feria Internacional del Libro, April 25-29, 2000, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

I attended sessions on three days of the Conference and also spent two afternoons at the International Book Fair, which had over 1000 exhibitors, including OCLC, Gale, Britannica, and other English language publishers as well as representatives from foreign presses throughout Latin America and Europe. The conference sessions I attended included the opening session with keynote speaker Nancy Krannich, President-Elect of the American Library Association, a presentation on the new roles of librarians in the 21st century by Nancy Krannich to the university librarians, and two presentations on the role of public libraries in Argentina.

Ms. Krannich's presentations both focused on the importance of libraries and librarians in a democracy and stressed that librarians must be activists in the fight to preserve free and open access to information as government and corporate control of the Internet and its contents is increasing. Her speeches were an inspiration to me as a public librarian as well as a reinforcement of the mission of public libraries to provide free and equal access to information for all in order that an informed citizenry can participate fully in our democracy.

The presentations on public libraries were in Spanish and at times I had difficulty following and comprehending all that was said. However, I was able to meet the director of the public libraries in Buenos Aires after one session and another public librarian who had previously lived in the United States who were able to explain some of the programs and issues to me in English. After speaking with both of them and visiting a number of public and popular libraries during my four month trip to Argentina and Chile, I have a much greater appreciation for all that we have at

Bozeman Public Library and in U.S. libraries in general. We are lucky to live in a country where libraries are supported by tax dollars and are an integral part of our democratic system.

My objectives for the program were to learn more about how public libraries, especially in the provinces of Argentina, are funded; to make personal contact with librarians from another culture; and to learn if other funding from groups such as foundations and friends groups were available in Argentina. I learned that there are really two types of "public" libraries in Argentina with two different funding mechanisms: "biblioteca publicas", which are funded by municipal governments, and "biblioteca populares", which are funded by patron memberships. The former are mostly in the larger cities of the northern part of Argentina (Cordoba and Buenos Aires) and the latter exist in the provinces. Library associations and/or consortiums as we know them do not exist.

One of the highlights of the conference for me was meeting Nancy Krannich, ALA President-Elect and sharing two meals with her. We discussed the differences between Argentine libraries and American ones with Bill Middleton of the U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center. The other main highlight was meeting such friendly and helpful people as the public librarian from Buenos Aires who helped me select Argentine folk tales for our library at the book fair and the director of the public libraries of Buenos Aires who shared his insights about the concerns expressed by attendees of his workshop. Out of twenty-five public libraries, five now have Internet access and two more will soon.

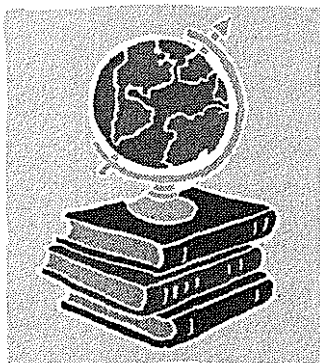
The conference and book fair as well as my visits to libraries on my own have made me more interested in the possibility for international exchange, participation in international committees of MPLA and/or

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ALA, and the potential for establishing more Sister Library relationships with libraries in Patagonia.

I met a number of librarians from Argentina and Chile who could be contacts for any MPLA member who might be interested in meeting Spanish speaking librarians from another country. IFLA is being held in Buenos Aires in 2004 and it's possible some MPLA members might attend and my experience and information about the city and the culture would be helpful to them.



The conference and book fair were fascinating and enlightening for me as an American. I would recommend an MPLA member attend if he or she were in the country at conference or book fair time (late April). However, I would also recommend that the person be fluent in Spanish in order to understand the presentations. Although many people spoke English, the majority of the presentations were in Spanish and a few were in Portuguese.



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vived. Months later he escaped.

"What did you use to do it?," asked the trainees. "What would you use?," he answered. Hours of discussion followed. Again, the trainees asked, "What **did you use?**" The "expert" began his answer slowly. "The first thing they took from me was my survival vest." He finished his time with them with this comment: "The most effective tool for your survival is what's **in** you, not what's on you," he said.

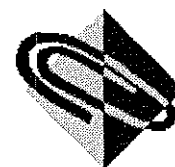
When it really matters, the historic record shows that true leaders have one thing in common – they are made of very strong stuff. Against great odds and frequently against popular opinion, a true leader will find the means to survive, even thrive, effectively doing what has to be done – maybe in conflict with the popular choice for the organization or the expectations of its environs. Probably great leadership could be defined as finding a way to depart the popular road, walk past the easy responses, to decipher and meet the greater need. Maybe that describes great Prime Ministers and Presidents. Maybe it also defines the characteristics of worthwhile friendships, the best marriages and the most rewarding jobs you'll ever have.

So the next time you are given the opportunity for input in selection of a leader who will help your library organization survive and thrive, what will top your list of essential leadership traits? And what surface impressions will you be prepared to reconsider?

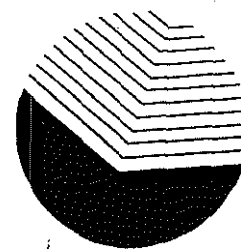


MPLA Board Meetings

The next MPLA Executive Board Meeting will be held at the MPLA/NLA/NEMA Tri-Conference in Omaha on October 25, 2000.



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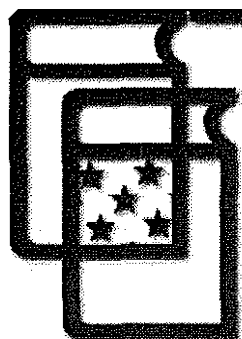
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Senate in October, 1998, is to celebrate and uplift children and youth throughout the country. *from Omaha Public Library News Release, April 19, 2000*

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- The Friends of the Johnson County Library's annual **Sizzlin'** Summer Book Sale was held June 7-10 at the Mission Center Mall. The sale raised \$32,517.25.

- Friends of the Johnson County Library was recently named the Outstanding Friends group in the large libraries category, by FOLUSA and Baker + Taylor.



Friends Board President DeWayne Spatz, will be present at the FOLUSA Author lunch on Saturday, July 8, during the ALA annual conference in Chicago, to accept the award on behalf of the Friends.

- Johnson County Library Board member Ellen Miller has been named a Kansas honoree on the first-ever National Advocacy Honor Roll sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA), a division of ALA.

arizona

- 147 Southwestern Native Americans charged with responsibility to preserve their heritage recently spent two days at the Heard Museum sharing information about programs and activities that work for them.

Tribal Libraries, Archives and Museums: Preserving Our Language, Memory and Lifeways brought together librarians, archivists, and museum professionals from Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah to learn about projects and activities underway in each other's institutions. The conference was funded by a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The goals of the conference were: to create a regional network of support for tribal cultural institutions and programs; to articulate contemporary issues

related to the development of tribal libraries, archives and museums; and to continue to develop collaboration among tribal and non-tribal cultural institutions.

The regional conference built upon work begun at statewide conferences held last year. Each participating state will hold another conference in the future.

The multi-year National Leadership Grant supports the state conferences and local follow up activity designed to promote collaborative projects between tribal cultural institutions and state

library organizations, and museums. Official Arizona partners in the grant include the Arizona State Museum, Heard Museum and Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

For more information, visit the project website at 5stateproject.utah.org or contact Alyce Sadongei, Project Director, at the Arizona State Museum, (520) 621-4500 or email: sadongei@u.arizona.edu.

colorado

- "State Grants for Libraries," Senate Bill 085, was signed on May 26, 2000 by Governor Bill Owens, for the first time funding \$2 million for the state's libraries to purchase educational resources. The grants are based on the size of the population served.

- CLA Annual Conference, "Enhancing Information: Libraries Add Value," will be held September 14-17, 2000, at the Snowmass Conference Center. Preconferences on September 14 include: "The Meaning of Story," "How to Become a Community Activist," "Introduction to Digitization," "Learning to Lead," and "Trained Lap Dogs or Trained Watch Dogs?" (intellectual freedom). MPLA President Marilyn Hinshaw will speak at the Trustees' program, "The Role of the Trustee." Early registration deadline is August 1, 2000; the deadline for regular advance registration is August 25, 2000. After August 25th, you must register at the conference. For registration and further conference information visit the CLA website at www.cla-web.org.

- Julie Wells is the new Office Manager for the Colorado Library Association. She will work at the CLA Office at the Central Colorado Library System, 4350 Wadsworth Blvd., #340, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. Telephone, fax, and email remain the same: (303) 463-6400, FAX: (303) 431.9752, Email: office-manager@cla-web.org.





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