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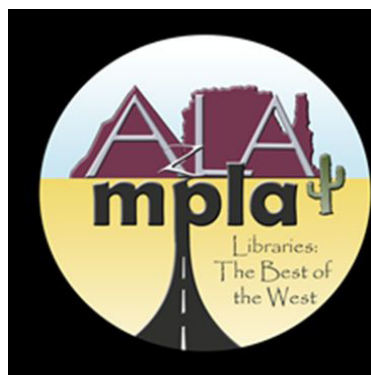


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AROUND THE REGION

A R I Z O N A



Arizona is gearing up for the joint AzLA/MPLA Conference in November! The AzLA / MPLA 2014 Conference logo was created by AzLA/MPLA Member Ann Marie Leonard, the Emerging Technologies Librarian at Pinal County Library District. The Conference website is up at: <http://www.azla.org/?page=2014AzLAMPLA>. We also have an AzLA Conference wiki at <http://azlaconference.wikispaces.com/>. The Wiki includes the Conference Committee Roster, Timeline, and Sponsorship Info. You can take a look at some of the presentations from 2013 <http://bit.ly/1lrEElo>. Mark your calendars and start thinking about presentation proposals! PS – Short sleeves in November...’nuff said!

Following up on his well-received presentation at the 2013 AzLA Annual Conference, Librarian Vinny Alascia from the State Library of Arizona presents 6 Essential Applications for Connected Librarians to make librarians more productive and connected to their communities. A video of his presentation is available via <http://bit.ly/1hiktJz>.

Grand Canyon University is proud to announce the opening of the new GCU Library on the 3rd and 4th floors of the Student Union. The new library features 18 group study rooms, 130 computers, wireless Internet and printing, electric outlets and USB ports available on all tables and seating, over 600 seats and longer hours! Since 1949, Grand Canyon University has been a premier private university in Arizona, helping students find their purpose and achieve their potential through landing the career of their dreams, advancing their career, and changing careers. As a Christian university, GCU also encourages students to find their purpose in Christ, with an emphasis on applying Christian values and ethics to the workplace: <http://bit.ly/1myAvm9>.

Navajo County Library District Director, Geneva Durkee, from Holbrook, AZ attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 19, for the Hopi Public Library’s new Mobile Computer Lab which will criss-cross the Hopi Reservation in Navajo County along with the Hopi Bookmobile. Library service on the Hopi Reservation is provided completely by mobile means since 2009 after the library program led by Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa, the Director of Education, was unable to

find a physical building to house a library. The bookmobile does not have space to allow public access to computing and the Internet, so Noreen and Geneva submitted a Native American Enhancement grant from the IMLS, enabling the program to add a mobile computer lab with six public workstations. The satellite connection will also make it possible for people to bring their own laptops and connect while visiting the mobile library. The two vehicles plan to operate in tandem, visiting fourteen villages on the Hopi Reservation. Hale Kahe, the computer lab technician will offer computer and Internet classes, in addition to allowing the public to have access to online and computer services. The bookmobile and mobile computer lab are on the road Monday – Thursday. On Fridays, Hopi library staff is in their offices at the Hopi Tribal headquarters in Kykotsmovi, AZ.



Pictured in the photo from left getting ready to cut the ribbon: Shauntella Silas, Hopi Junior/Senior High School Princess; Hale Kahe, Computer Lab Technician, Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa, Education Director, Geneva Durkee, Navajo County Library District Director, and Dinah Pongyesva, Bookmobile Librarian.

Three ASU students want to make books more accessible to people in their community schools. When Jasmine Clarke-Teller, Elijah Allan and Alex Miller realized that raising money to fund libraries at multiple charter schools wasn't feasible, they looked for ideas elsewhere. During a visit at Vista College Preparatory School, they observed how teachers created a "mobile library" in which students visit a small room in the school that holds a very small collection of books. Students can only check out one book at a time and the choices are very limited. The idea of a mobile library stuck with Clarke-Teller, Allan, and Miller and the BiblioTrucka idea was born. For more information about the mobile library, BiblioTrucka, read the full article: <http://bit.ly/1jDI8Yq>.

C O L O R A D O

Colorado State Library (CSL) is pleased to announce the launch of

Squarestatecollaborate.com, a free online tool to help Colorado-based community organizations and all types of libraries connect to form mutually beneficial collaborations. Denver 7 news likens it to Match.com for libraries. SquareStateCollaborate is designed to connect libraries, nonprofit organizations, local governments and foundations that are looking for partners to join them on a project. The Colorado State Library will host a webinar series to demonstrate ways library and community groups can work together to benefit their customers. For additional information, please contact Jacqueline Murphy (murphy_j@cde.state.co.us).

Buena Vista, Colorado, known for mining and whitewater adventure opportunities had a minor bomb scare in mid-February. A member of the Buena Vista Library maintenance staff discovered a device in the back of her pickup truck parked between the library and post office. The device appeared to be some type of military shell wired to a cell phone. The device was given to the ATF for analysis. Chaffee County Sheriff Pete Palmer reported, "it had all the appearances of an IED (improvised explosive device) or something very, very dangerous," Palmer said. "I don't know what the motive was. It was obviously a hoax." US 24, which runs through Buena Vista, was reopened later that day.



Robert "Bob" Pasicznyuk is leaving Cedar Rapids Public Library to return to Douglas County Libraries as their new Executive Director. Mr. Pasicznyuk will be replacing Jamie LaRue who retired earlier this year to pursue a full-time speaking career. Bob Morris, Douglas County Libraries' board president states, "With today's announcement, we feel we have found the right person for the job. We chose Bob because of his experience with strategic planning, his broad knowledge of information technology, and his overall business acumen." Prior to his role as a library director, Mr. Pasicznyuk spent nearly ten years in library districts including Douglas County Libraries, acting in senior information technology roles. Mr. Pasicznyuk will manage a staff of more than 300 people in libraries spanning seven cities. Mr. Pasicznyuk's last day at Cedar Rapids Library will be May 2nd.

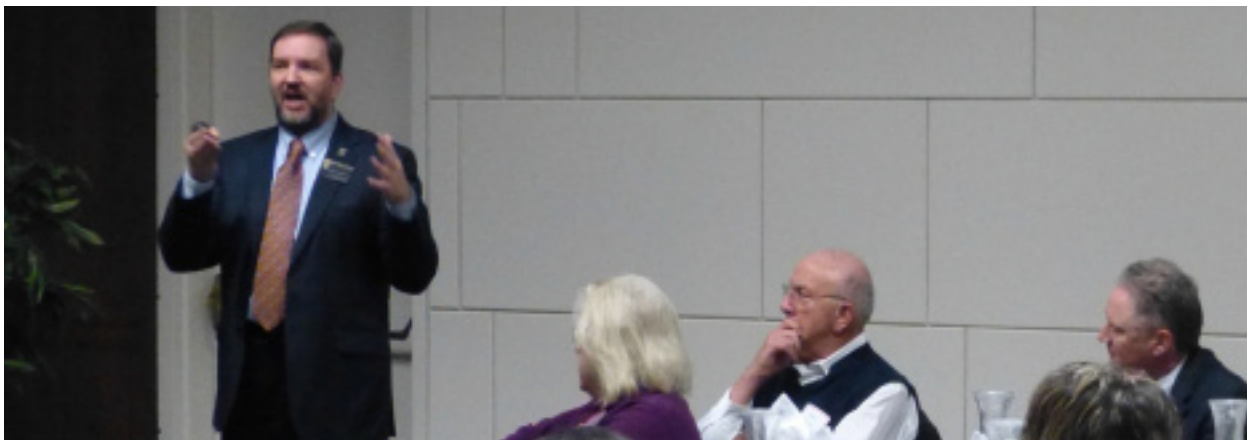
Clearview Library District is now one of five systems that offer library cardholders on-demand movies, television series and music. In conjunction with Hoopla Digital, Clearview library patrons can stream media directly to smartphones, tablets, PCs and Apple TVs. Material automatically expires after a set time so patrons never have to worry about late fees. Discover more about Clearview Library's media streaming at www.clearview.org.

The Wilkinson Public Library Board of Trustees has released the five finalist candidates for library director. The candidates are: Laura L. Burnett, the library manager at Centennial Park Library-High Plains Library District in Greeley; Sarah Landeryou, the collections coordinator at the Wilkinson Public Library; Paul H. Paladino, the library director for the Montrose Regional Library District since; Jocelyne Sansing, the public services manager at the Pikes Peak Library District in El Paso County and Jeff Wavrunek, the director for Adams County Library in Adams, WI. The board plans to make an offer on March 26, and hopes to have a new director in place by the end of April.

K A N S A S

With over 37,000 volumes dating from 1487 to the present--as well as the personal collections of prominent food writers--K-State's Cookery Collection is the largest collection of its kind held at a public university. This exhibit documents the first gift of rare cookbooks to K-State Libraries in 1943 through the present. On display are over 70 rare and special Kansas cookbooks, photographs, and manuscripts that not only tell the story of how the collection developed, but how Kansans cook. The exhibit is available to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" traveling exhibit graced the Gallery until March 21st. The Grand Opening event boasted 100 guests, a live brass quintet, delicious refreshments, and a President Lincoln impersonator who recited the Gettysburg Address. Throughout the months of February and March the Hays Public Library hosted a number of Lincoln related programs: a book discussion of Team of Rivals, screening of the motion picture "Lincoln" led by Dr. Cheryl Duffy from Fort Hays State University and a presentation by Dr. Brian Miller from Emporia State University titled "The Tattered Lincoln Album." A presentation by Dr. Damon Talbott of Lawrence, Kansas, titled "Lincoln's Second Inaugural Ball: the Historical Importance of Food" was held in March. These programs are sponsored in part by the Kansas Humanities Council. The library is also hosting two civil war era impersonators and the Young Adult Department is putting on a Steampunk Civil War Fashion Show.



The Wichita Area Library Association held its annual Legislative Luncheon in November. This annual event allows members to talk with area legislators and to express their concerns for the upcoming legislative year. This year the luncheon speaker was Dr. Andrew Smith of the Emporia State University faculty. Dr. Smith talked about E-books and some of the myths and research surrounding e-books and libraries.

Dr. Andrew Smith, Emporia State University, discusses electronic books and libraries at the Wichita Area Library Association's annual Legislative Luncheon.

After nearly a year of hard work by local youth and library staff, the “QuaranTEEN Zone” at the Basehor Community Library officially opened Tuesday afternoon.



The area of the library dubbed the QuaranTEEN zone is located near the back of the library facility and is partitioned off. It includes several computers, several booths for youth to read and eat at, a circular couch for discussions and a TV that teens can check out a remote for.

“Before, there was this big space but not many people came here,” said Spencer Brown, one of the teens who started planning the teen zone about a year ago. “There were banks of computers that nobody was using.”

Brown, along with Liam Hanes and some other friends, approached library director Diana Weaver about converting the dormant area into an area where teens could meet. The group then presented their own hand-drawn blueprints to the library’s board of directors and secured \$13,000 to remodel their corner of the library.

The result has been a steady increase in youth taking advantage of the new nooks in the QuaranTEEN Zone, according to Teen Services Librarian Amy Schaffer.

“The booths have been packed after school,” Schaffer said.

Schaffer commended the teens who undertook the project and said they showed real initiative by creating their own blueprints and pursuing the funding.

“It was a step-by-step process but they were very impressive,” Schaffer said.

The teens then worked with commercial interior designer Marcia McCown, who designed the interior of the entire library, to create the atmosphere they were looking for.

“We’ve seen a more diverse group in here and more people working,” Brown said.

Brown said they still hope to change some things in the future, including different lighting, but said the new QuaranTEEN Zone is what he and the other teens were looking for when they began the project.

“It turned out great,” Brown said.

M O N T A N A



On January 13, the Flathead County Library System became ImagineIF Libraries. And it's not just a name change. It's a change in the physical spaces, services, programs and attitude. ImagineIF is all about expanding boundaries and exploring ideas. ImagineIF is about transformative experiences every day and remarkable possibilities for the future. Starting this year, ImagineIF Libraries will offer experience-based programs that will teach new skills, stimulate imagination, and

turn the library into a place for building, collaborating and creating. Coming this summer is a book bike that will offer library services at community events. ImagineIF Libraries are also fine free. We want to thank our communities for their support, and we don't want fines to keep anyone from visiting our libraries. During launch week, January 13-18, the community joined in to celebrate ImagineIF with new library cards, free tote bags and temporary tattoos, a photo booth, launch parties, live music, balloons and a family gaming day. Find out more about ImagineIF at

www.imagineiflibraries.org.

Thrive is the theme for the next Montana Library Conference to be held in Billings, Montana on April 9-12, 2014 at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. The keynote speaker will be Deidre Combs. A wide range of programs is being offered. Everyone is invited.

N E B R A S K A

Margaret Atwood, author of *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Alias Grace*, *The Robber Bride*, and many more, will be at the Scott Conference Center for a reading, discussion and book signing. Her newest novel, *MaddAddam* (2013), is the final volume in a three-book series that began with the Man-Booker prize-nominated *Oryx and Crake* (2003) and continued with *The Year of the Flood*. Ms. Atwood's work has been published in more than forty languages, including Farsi, Japanese, Turkish, Finnish, Korean, Icelandic and Estonian. Ms. Atwood was born in 1939 in Ottawa, and grew up in northern Ontario and Quebec, and in Toronto. She received her undergraduate degree from Victoria College at the University of Toronto and her master's degree from Radcliffe College.

Omaha Public Library's excellent Teen Advisory Board meets once a month at the Millard Branch Library. They provide many ideas for programming. Just recently the teens helped plan the programming for the teen Summer Reading program. Additionally, they help staff the reading program desk, help with all three lock-ins, and help run Minute to Win It. They assist with five additional programs during the course of the summer, as well. The teens even lead their own summer programs. These teens have been a part of the board for the last three years. Our branch will be offering 40-50 programs for teens this summer at our branch.

The North Platte Public Library began offering free one-hour technology sessions on Thursday afternoons in 2014 and the public response has been very positive. Cecelia Lawrence, Library Director, heard about offering casual, informal technology sessions at the Nebraska Library Association's annual conference in 2013. Her staff has a wide variety of technology expertise and during the technology sessions in the library the staff share their knowledge with the community, in order to raise their technology abilities.

In January 2014, the Library kicked off Tech Thursdays. The January sessions focused on e-reader devices and Overdrive. In February the library staff decided to mix it up and offered: Tagxedo-creating a simple Valentine work of art; iPad Tips from an iPad user; the Overdrive App; and How to rate your old book and discover its value using online resources. Over the Spring, the Tech staff plan to offer the following Tech Thursday sessions: Facebook—getting started; Facebook – Security; Facebook – Games and Game playing; Goodreads.com; Ticket to Travel; Digital Images – Which format is right for you?; Stump the Staff; and more.

During the month of February the South Sioux City Public Library promoted our new LEGO books with a large 30 piece display of current and past historical buildings of our area, built out of LEGO's. On February 15 and 22 LEGO building classes were held for youth 6 and older. The children were able to build LEGO derby cars; each had to weigh below a specific amount to race. The cars were raced down a LEGO track to see whose car went the furthest. The three top winners of both days won medals and the top 6 won movie passes.

There are several upcoming events at the Mead Public Library. On Saturday March 22nd, author of the fabulous "Boob Girl" books, Joy Johnson will be here for a funny author talk about her books and a light desert will be served. On Monday April 21st, the library will host a Teen/Tween fashion party with clothes provided by Amour Apparel & Accessories and by our fashionista April Gilman. There will be snacks and the clothing is available for purchase.

Columbus Public Library, the City of Columbus, and Columbus Art Council is working with Clark Enerson Partners to develop renderings and space requirements for a potential new library/cultural arts center recommended by the community in the quality of life assessment conducted several years ago. Once completed, efforts will be made to obtain private and public funding for the new facility proposed to be a "community core" in the downtown corridor.



The first Saturday in February was national Take Your Child To the Library Day. Seward Memorial Library invited families to "pop" into the library and celebrate. The library hosted a three-day popcorn themed open house with free cookies and many books available for reading in the library or at home. Valuable information about reading aloud to children was on hand for parents who stopped in. As an extra incentive, students in elementary school who visited the library were counted and the classroom with the highest percentage at the open house received a prize. This first-time event was well attended with over 260 people "popping in for a good book."

La Vista Public Library will be receiving a grant for Civil War 150: Exploring the War and its Meaning Through the Words of Those Who Lived It. The Library of America and The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History present this

exhibition. The exhibit is a national public programming initiative designed to encourage public exploration of the transformative impact and contested meanings of the Civil War through primary documents and firsthand accounts. The La Vista Library will be the only organization in Nebraska to receive this exhibit. The exhibit will be at the La Vista library from October 13 through November 3, 2014. The Grand opening will take place October 15, 2014 at the La Vista Public Library.



February 18th, Sump Memorial Library's Arm Knitting Class took over the library with over 35 women and one fabulous dad, ages ranging from 8 to over 68, learning a new skill and having a lot of fun in the process. Participants left the library with a handmade infinity scarf.

The UNL Libraries just had their Learning Commons project proposal approved by the University Board of Regents. One entire floor will be converted into an interactive learning commons. For more information, check out the Dean of Library's blog: <http://unllibrarybuzz.blogspot.com/>.

On February 26, 2014, the UNL Libraries started a new talk series, Sci Pop Talks! Where Science Intersects Pop Culture. These talks will explore the science within some of our favorite icons of popular culture. The free talks will be given by science faculty from UNL and Doane College and are open to the public. Some of the talks include: "Chemistry to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse," "Game Theory and Breaking Bad," and "Book 8: Harry Potter and the Magic of Science."

Dr. Ed O'Connor is the new Provost of Creighton University and one of his first actions was to appoint Jim Bothmer, Director of the Health Sciences Library, as University Librarian overseeing both the Health Sciences Library and Reinert Alumni-Memorial Library.

Creighton University Health Sciences Library and Alegent Creighton Health Academic Medical system (ACH) signed a library services agreement. The two librarians at ACH Bergan Mercy Medical Center and ACH Immanuel Medical Center became employees of the CU Health Sciences Library effective January 1, 2014. Those two individuals will stay in place at the respective hospitals, but are now Creighton employees.

Creighton University Reinert Alumni-Memorial Library is working with various academic partners (e.g. Physics, Journalism, etc.) and the Division of Information Technology to create a Makerspace in the library. The Makerspace would consist of 3D printing and scanning. A grant application has been submitted to fund the project.

The Freeman/Lozier Library recently rebooted its Facts from the Stacks blog, in large part to refocus the content away from advertising for the Library and University events and toward topics of interest that would generate comments and interaction. To accompany this refocus the blog also received a drastic facelift with a cleaner look, added features, and increased adaptability for viewing on mobile devices. Check it out at [http://blogs.bellevue.edu/library/!](http://blogs.bellevue.edu/library/)

Bellevue University Library introduced its Instagram account, @bulibrary, on April 17th, 2013, in accordance with Nebraska's Library Snapshot Day. Since that date, the Library has been establishing its Instagram identity through pictures of its building, its staff, its materials, and its patrons. The Library has organized campus-wide photo campaigns, including a "No Shave November" series, in coordination with non-library staff, creating a partnership beyond the confines of the library. The Bellevue University Library has now gained 50 followers, thrown a successful launch party on Wednesday, January 22nd, conducted a contest, and established itself as a valued member of the Library's social media efforts. Upcoming Instagram events include a St Patrick's Day themed frame for students to pose in, more introductions to Bellevue University staff, and always celebrations of our team's accomplishments, including the upcoming National Library Week festivities.

Mid-Plains Community College Learning Resource Center in North Platte, is assisting the University of Missouri-Columbia MISLT program, in hosting Shoshana Patocka, for her final semester practicum. Ms. Patocka is from Lexington, NE and is finishing up her Master of Arts in Information Science & Learning Technologies (MISLT) in May. She has 14 years of library experience in academic libraries. She looks forward to obtaining a technical services position sometime in the near future with a Nebraska academic library.

N E V A D A

The Nevada Library Association will participate in Library Snapshot Day this spring. Participating libraries choose a day from March 30 to April 5 to record statistics, photographs, videos, and commentary from patrons. The information collected provides a snapshot of what happens in a single day at the library and helps prove the value of libraries to constituents and decision-makers.

NLA will not host an annual conference in 2014 so as to focus energy and attendance on ALA Annual in Las Vegas from June 26 – July 1. MPLA will share an exhibitor booth with NLA and the Conference of Intermountain Archivists (CIMA).

In January 2014, Amy Geddes became the Director of Lyon County Library System. Formerly a branch manager at the San Diego Library System, Geddes plans to expand programming and has already worked to extend hours at four Lyon County Library System branches.

John Crockett was appointed MPLA delegate at NLA's mid-winter Board meeting. He is a graduate of the 2012 MPLA Leadership Institute, is past President of the Nevada Library Association, and serves as the Internet Services Librarian for Washoe County Library System.

N E W M E X I C O

Donna Elizabeth Cromer, associate professor of Librarianship in University Libraries, died unexpectedly on Dec. 6. Ms. Cromer was a long-time reference librarian and subject specialist working in Centennial Science and Engineering Library. She began her career at UNM as an assistant professor in November of 1987 after spending two years in the Technical Library, Air Force Weapons Laboratory, Kirtland, AFB. Ms. Cromer was born in Los Alamos New Mexico and completed her Bachelor of University Studies at UNM in 1976. She went on to complete an MA in Linguistics and Master of Library Science degree from the University of Washington both in 1981. She was an active member of the Special Libraries Association and served on many library committees and task forces over the years. She was a well-known resource for the science community within UNM and across the state.

Victoria Brooke Rodrigues has accepted a position at UNM's Health Sciences Library & Informatics Center.

Lynette Schurdevin is the Rio Rancho Public Library's new director. Ms. Schurdevin is moving from the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces.

Brad Carrington has accepted the position as Chief of the Technical Services Bureau at the New Mexico State Library. Brad comes to New Mexico from Kentucky where he has worked at the University of Kentucky for many years. He has worked with federal documents, automated systems, and in public service positions.

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library system has begun construction of a new \$8.3 million library on the west side of the northwest corner of Central Unser. It is near an ABQ ride transit station and an UNM health clinic. After the Library is completed the two smaller Westgate and Alamosa libraries will close. The new library will include their collections and have reading areas, activity and meeting space and more than 40 computers.



Trish Koenig is the new Assistant Librarian at the Ruidoso Public Library.

New Mexico State University Library has published a 2014 calendar, *Our Beginnings: The First Ten Years of New Mexico State University*. The calendar focuses on the University's 125th anniversary, and each month features a photo, which showcases the architecture, students, presidents and lifestyle during the earliest years at what was then Las Cruces College.

N O R T H D A K O T A

Valley City State University's Master of Education program in Library and Information Technologies has earned National Recognition status from the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). VCSU's program is one of only 46 programs nationwide, and the only program in the region, to receive AASL/CAEP National Recognition. To date, the VCSU M.Ed. LIT program—established in 2007 and delivered to students entirely online—has more than 40 graduates. According to Donna James, VCSU library director and LIT concentration chair, it continues to expand regionally, with an increasing number of students enrolling from states other than North Dakota. The Library and Information Technologies (LIT) concentration was established in 2007 with the financial support of an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant, Project Nexus, for which Ms. James had submitted the grant proposal. A second IMLS grant, Nexus Echo, provides scholarship continuation support for students committed to earning an M.Ed. LIT from VCSU. Achieving National Recognition status from AASL/CAEP involves a lengthy application and review process, and it is critical to have complete and organized archives of assessment artifacts and the matching scoring data for students in all courses. Thus earning this recognition is a direct result of the efforts of VCSU faculty in the M.Ed. LIT program to develop standards-based courses and assessments. The Marketing Department of the North Dakota State Library will be working with public libraries on Geek the Library, producing and circulating the historical displays for the 125th anniversary of the state, working with the public libraries to create a website for improved communication and traveling around the state to help promote libraries.

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is in the process of putting together a program to celebrate the 125th anniversary of North Dakota's statehood. Program topics include Bismarck: The Capital City, ethnic heritage, farming, early education in North Dakota and many more. These topics were chosen based on books in the collection and resources available to NDSL. Each display will be a little different. They will come with five books from the NDSL collection, a handout of resources, a children's activity and a list of additional books that relate to the topic. Most of the displays will have some sort of visual pop-up display, access to S.E.N.D. trunks and additional display items. The program will begin in April and each library will be able to keep these displays for up to 4 weeks. This program is run on a first come first serve basis. NDSL will cover the shipping costs of the displays one way and the participating library is responsible for returning them.

Grafton Community Library received a surprise donation from a gentleman in Oklahoma. The donation was given to the library, from the gentleman, because of the great service they provided to him when he stopped in.

It was an exciting holiday season in the Talking Books Department. One of the volunteers, Tanya Moe, who records books for the Talking Books Program, got the opportunity to meet the author of the book she was recording. Candace Simar, author of her Minnesota-based historical novels, Abercrombie Trail, Pomme De Terre; Birdie; and Blooming Prairie, dropped by the State Library and talked with Ms. Moe who is currently recording the book Pomme De Terre.

The North Dakota State Library hosted a series of six Summer Reading Workshops for librarians across the state. The workshops were held in Minot, Dickinson, Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Jamestown.

The Bismarck Public Library held a retirement party for Jennifer Jones, who dedicated 37 years of service as Head of Technical Services at Bismarck Public Library. Cynthia Clairmont-Schmidt from the North Dakota State Library presented a certificate to Ms. Jones for all her years of dedicated service to public libraries in North Dakota.

O K L A H O M A

The Oklahoma Library Association held a regional meeting in early March at the Lawton Public Library in Lawton, Oklahoma. The meeting included free training related to both Interlibrary Loan and E-Books.

The Oklahoma Library Association announced April 29, 2014 as the 2014 Library Legislative Day. Library supporters from across the state are urged to attend and visit with legislators at the Capitol about issues of importance to school, public, and academic libraries.

The OLA Annual Conference date is rapidly approaching and will be held in Tulsa at the Southern Hills Marriott in Tulsa March 31 – April 2.

Oklahoma libraries are asked to participate in the first “One Book, One Association” reading event for OLA annual conference scheduled March 31-April 2, 2014 at the Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott. OLA purchased 100 copies of *Beyond Wow: Building Essential Service-Leadership Approaches to Exceptional Customer Service Performance and Relationships* by Myra Golden and Jeffrey Magee. Ms. Golden will also lead a discussion of this book at the OLA conference.

The Oklahoma School Librarians are hosting a Teen Summit, which will feature speakers and small group discussion to examine the current state of services for young adults. The Summit will provide time to build partnerships to meet the needs of 21st century adolescents at the OLA Annual Conference.

The Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences Medical Library hosted *Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine*, a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine. The exhibit highlighted aspects of the popular series by author J.K. Rowling and compares them to the history of science and medicine.

The U.S. Postal Service released a new stamp with the portrait of Oklahoma novelist Ralph Ellison, author of *Invisible Man*. Ralph Ellison has long been considered one of the United States' great authors, and now the Oklahoma City native has a U.S. Postal Service stamp to go along with those accolades. The new stamp was unveiled at a ceremony at the Metropolitan Library System's Ralph Ellison

Library in Oklahoma City. The 91-cent first class stamp is part of the Postal Service's Literary Arts Series.

The Friends of the Chickasaw Regional (Public) Library System (CRLS) rolled out the red carpet for the Oklahoma premiere of the movie, *Angels Sing*, starring Harry Connick, Jr., Willie Nelson, Lyle Lovett, Kris Kristofferson and Connie Britton. Guests were able to meet and mingle with film executives and movie producers Shannon McIntosh and Elizabeth Avellan.

Native Words • Native Warriors, a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit devoted to World War I and World War II Native American code talkers and veterans from more than a dozen different tribes is currently on display at the John Vaughan Library at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma from until April 7, 2014.

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries is sponsoring Oklahoma Reads TRUE GRIT. Readers are invited to journey to the Choctaw Nation of the late 19th Century as Oklahoma reads Charles Portis's classic novel of revenge. Libraries throughout the state are hosting programs and activities throughout 2014, marking the state's first One Book program since the Centennial Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma celebration.

S O U T H D A K O T A

Rawlins Municipal Library in Pierre will be expanding in 2014, adding much needed space and updates to the inside of the building. Construction will begin soon with completion at the end of September.

The SD State Library released three annual reports in January. The School and Public Library Data Digests are compilations of SD public and school library statistics. The SDSL annual report is a recap of annual activities. All can be accessed at <http://library.sd.gov/SDSL/publications/index.aspx>.

Jim Oliver, children's librarian at Siouxland Libraries in Sioux Falls, retired January 10. He has been instrumental in children's programming in the Siouxland Libraries system since 1985.

Eleven SD public libraries were accredited at the noted levels during the annual Legislative Day reception. The purpose of the voluntary accreditation program for public libraries in South Dakota is to encourage the ongoing development of quality library service in the state. The following libraries were accredited at the enhanced, essential or exemplary level: Dorothy Pike Memorial Library, Emil L. Larson Library, Elkton Community Library, Faith Public/School Library, Freeman Public Library, Grace Balloch Memorial Library, Hand County Library, Platte Public Library, Rapid City Public Library, Rawlins Municipal Library, and Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library.

In a joint effort with the North Dakota Humanities Council and the 125th Anniversary Committees from the states of North and South Dakota, the South Dakota Humanities Council will commemorate the entry of South and North Dakota into statehood with a special One Book collaboration. *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography* by Kathleen Norris will serve as the joint One Book for the two states in 2014.

The Hill City Community Library moved into a new space at the beginning of the year. The library formerly shared space with the school, but now has a home of its own across the street. An open house was held March 4.

SD School Libraries have been featured in another publication! Check out the article from *The Digital Shift* <http://bit.ly/1pjiAPr>.

The Yankton Community Library Friends group held their 6th annual Gourmet Guys in January. The fundraiser is an evening full of foods cooked by the gourmet guys, music, friends, and fun while raising money for comfortable chairs in the family area of the library.

The South Dakota Titles To Go collaborative for public libraries has expanded its services with a new kids' website. This separate site provides safe, easy browsing of children's e-books and audiobooks.

The Belle Fourche Public Library recently received a \$7,500 grant from the South Dakota Broadband Initiative. With the grant, the library purchased six new HP computers.

The Brookings Public Library hosted Civil War 150, a national traveling exhibit in February.

The Children's Museum of South Dakota in Brookings is hosting a traveling exhibit of quilts celebrating literacy and children's books.

Staff at the South Dakota State Library was integral in creating the SD Department of Education 125th Celebration website,

<http://doe.sd.gov/secretary/125.aspx>. The site includes digitized SD Department of Education publications produced many years ago, which offer a fun and historical perspective on how education in South Dakota has progressed over the years. Also included are lists of projects and activities that teachers can use to help students connect with South Dakota history.

In many places of Latin America, “Día del Niño” (Day of the Child) or “Día de los Niños” (Children’s Day) marks an opportunity to celebrate and honor the life of all children. Although the exact date of the celebration varies from country to country, April 30th is usually reserved for this holiday. In addition, in the 1950s, the United Nations signed resolutions that affirmed the universal rights of children and encouraged countries to dedicate a day to them. In the mid 1990s in the United States, author and poet Pat Mora began to promote Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros / Children’s Day, Book Day (also known as DIA), a new holiday that celebrated childhood, literacy, and language. In Utah, educators and librarians embraced this holiday and every year hold events and activities that highlight the importance of literacy, books, and reading in the lives of children.

For two years in a row, the Utah State Library Division has offered directed mini grants to support libraries throughout the state in their efforts to connect children and families of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds to the wondrous realm of books and reading and the transformational services of libraries with special activities or events held during the month of April 2014. In a recent national webinar, Pat Mora recognized Utah as one of three state libraries in the country that actively support the DIA goals.

This year, 16 public libraries and 8 school libraries have been awarded a \$500 mini grant to focus on one or more of the following outcomes:

~ Celebrate children and connect them to the world of learning through books, stories and libraries.

~ Nurture cognitive and literacy development in ways that honor and embrace a child’s home language and culture.

~ Introduce families to community resources that provide opportunities for learning through multiple literacies.

~ Recognize and respect culture, heritage and language as powerful tools for strengthening families and communities.

[images]Utah's public, school and academic libraries were all invited to participate in ALA's 2014 National Snapshot Day. Libraries from Salt Lake County to Kanab, from BYU to Dixie State University participated in this annual event during the month of February. Library customers were asked to fill out comment cards; librarians compiled statistics and took lots of pictures. Utah Library Association President, Trish Hull, and Salt Lake County Library Services hosted a special signing of the Declaration for the Right to Libraries. The event took place on Feb 13 at the Viridian Event Center. Authors Josh Harnagarne, The World's Strongest Librarian, and Jan Pinborough along with many Utah state dignitaries attended.

The Wyoming State Library is conducting a school library survey. The "2013-14 Wyoming School Library Survey" is currently available through March 7. Emails were sent to all school library contacts with instructions on how to access the school's survey. Here is the link to the survey information: <http://bit.ly/1jDNfYB>.

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More information on the grants and the grant applications can be found on the MPLA website: <http://bit.ly/1i7bUF6>.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT) Awards Committee is now accepting applications for the Federal Librarians Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship which is given to a library school student who has an interest in working in a Federal library. The student will receive a scholarship award of \$1,500.

Eligibility Criteria:

- ✓ Applicants must be full or part-time students at the time of application
- ✓ Students who are currently enrolled in any ALA-accredited library school
- ✓ Students who have not already earned an ALA accredited degree
- ✓ Students who have expressed an interest in some aspect of Federal librarianship

To Apply:

Complete an online nomination form, visit:

<http://www.ala.org/faflrt/nominationstudentform>

Letter of reference from a FAFLRT member, Federal librarian, library employer, a library school professor, etc. should be emailed to the Awards Committee Chair in support of an application.

The deadline for submissions is midnight Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

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