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### **Saying Goodbye**

Marjorie Harrison, Panhandle Library System Coordinator, resigned on 15 October 2010. During her three-year tenure, Marjorie traveled extensively throughout the Panhandle; started rotating DVD collections; initiated the Shared-Automation Project; and served as Nebraska Library Association Treasurer. Marjorie is now Library Director at the San Juan Public Library in Friday Harbor, Washington.

John Seyfarth, "Technical Guru", retired from the Sump Memorial Library in Papillion on 30 November 2010. He was the library's Information Systems Manager from August 1997 through November 2010. Before coming to the library, John worked as an Internet and Networking Specialist for the Omaha Public Schools for 5.5 years.

### **Pioneer Consortium Reaches Agreement with PTFS for Open Source ILS Solution**

Five Nebraska libraries called the Pioneer Consortium successfully concluded a Library Improvement Grant received from the Nebraska Library Commission. In this project, the Pioneer Consortium determined the feasibility of utilizing open source integrated library system (ILS) software for its members' circulation, cataloging, etc. needs. This alternative would replace their existing ILS systems and could eventually be an option for libraries across the state.

The Consortium chose the Koha open source product and the second path of operation. They reached an agreement with LibLime, a division of Progressive Technology Federal System Inc. (PTFS), headquartered in Bethesda, MD. Koha will provide ILS services to Grand Island Public Library, Gretna Public Library, Holdrege Public Library, Lincoln City Libraries, and St. Paul Public Library. Steve Fosselman (Grand Island Public Library) is the President of the Pioneer Consortium. He can be reached via phone (308-385-5333) or e-mail ([sf@gi.lib.ne.us](mailto:sf@gi.lib.ne.us)).

### **New Directors**

New Nebraska library directors include –

- Cherie Anderson, Hooper Public Library
- Amy Kucera, Howells Public Library
- Krissy Nelson, Gretna Public Library

## Star Libraries

The following libraries received stars from *Library Journal* in October. Stars were based on the *LJ Index* which bases scores on library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use per capita. Congratulations go to –

- Atkinson Public Library – 5 stars
- Central City Public Library – 5 stars
- Falls City Public Library and Art Center – 5 stars
- Hartington Public Library – 5 stars
  
- Neligh Public Library – 4 stars
- Wymore Public Library – 4 stars
  
- Bloomfield Public Library – 3 stars
- Lied Battle Creek Public Library – 3 stars
- Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library – 3 stars