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MPLA Board Report March 2011

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### **Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Spring Meetings**

The 2011 spring meetings hosted by NLA's sections and roundtables have begun. This year's schedule includes –

- *Collaboration Across Libraries* presented by the Paraprofessional and Special & Institutional Sections on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Young Adult Round Table will meet April 2<sup>nd</sup> to network and share program ideas in LaVista.
- The Public Library & Trustee Section has partnered with Read Aloud Nebraska and the Regional Library Systems to bring Michael Sullivan to four locations across Nebraska (Alliance, Lexington, Norfolk, and Seward). He will discuss connecting boys with books and the future of libraries in mid-April.
- The Technical Services Round Table will present a one-day workshop on the proposed cataloging rules, *Resource Description and Access (RDA)*, and the *RDA Tool Kit* on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Omaha.
- The College & University Section and the Information Technology & Access Round Table will present *Engagement, Experimentation and Entrepreneurship: Value Principles for Creating the Library of the Future* in Lincoln on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **NLA/NEMA Annual Conference**

Program proposals are now being accepted for the October conference in Lincoln. The 2011 theme is *Nebraska Libraries Cultivating Community Connections*. Jamie LaRue, the keynote speaker, will focus on taking the community to the world. "*The job of the 20th century library was to bring the world to the community. The job of the 21st century library is to take the community to the world*". More details are available at <http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2011/conference-proposal-form>. The proposal deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Additional Libraries Join the Pioneer Consortium**

The Pioneer Consortium, Nebraska's brand new, open source, low-cost, robust but easy-to-use local ILS and statewide union catalog, has approved an additional 19 applications for membership. The consortium will now serve 23 public libraries in communities ranging in size from 300 to 30,000+. The newest members are –

Atkinson

Beatrice

Bennington

Blue Hill

Cozad

David City

Gothenburg

Grant

Hastings

Hildreth

Kearney

Lexington

Papillion

Red Cloud

South Sioux City

Stromsburg

Superior

Sutton

Valparaiso

### **NLA Legislative Day 2011**

Despite the wintry weather and barely moving traffic, the Nebraska Library Association's 2011 Legislative Day was held Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, in Lincoln. After briefings by Ken Winston, NLA's lobbyist; Rod Wagner, State Librarian; and Paul Hammel, *The Omaha World-Herald's* Lincoln Bureau Chief, the delegation visited their senators' offices. Senators were then treated to lunch at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel. The afternoon was spent touring the State Library, the oldest library in Nebraska, and the state capitol. Word has it that the state library tour included secret doors and a Narnia moment!

### **2011 One Book One Nebraska**

The Nebraska Center for the Book has chosen *Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps* as its 2011 One Book One Nebraska selection.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarships**

The Nebraska Library Commission has received IMLS grant money to further library science education for legal Nebraska residents. There will be three application cycles in 2011 (the first one ended on March 18<sup>th</sup>). Further details can be found at [www.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Scholarships.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Scholarships.asp).

### **2011 Nebraska Book Festival**

The 2011 festival will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Nebraska History Museum in Lincoln. Workshops will be led by Timothy Schaffert (*The Coffins of Little Hope*); Jim Reese (*Ghost on 3<sup>rd</sup>*); and Matt Mason/Dwaine Spieker/Jeff Lacy (Nebraska poets). Confirmed writers who will read from their 2010 works include –

Sue Bauman (writing as Laura Landon) – *Shattered Dreams* and *When Love Is Enough*

Ted Kooser – *Bag in the Wind*

Greg Kosmicki – *New Route in Dreams*

James Solheim – *Born Yesterday*

Registration is available at [www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp).

## **New Republican Valley Library System (RVLS) Administrator**

Denise Harders became the RVLS Administrator in January. She replaces Sherry Houston who retired and moved to Omaha. Although Denise had been living in Allen, Texas since 2004, she has a long library history in Nebraska. She has worked in libraries at Grand Island Public Schools; the Public Library System of Holdrege; and Central Community College (Grand Island and Hastings campuses). Denise completed her MLS at Texas Woman's University in May 2010. Welcome back to Nebraska, Denise!