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Nebraska report
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Librarians statewide were saddened by the death of Dee Yost. Dee was the System Administrator for the Republican Valley Library system. In 2000 she moved to the position of Public Service Librarian for Perkins Library at Hastings College.

The Nebraska Library Commission is hosting a Second Life Open House on May 11th from 3-5 CDT or 1-3 pm SLT. NLC's building is located on Cybrary City at 226, 219, 24. Second Life is the online virtual world built and owned by its residents. More than 400 librarians from all types of libraries are using Second Life to provide programs, services and materials to their patrons in the virtual world. For example, at the Nebraska Library Commission in Second Life, we have installed a rotating exhibit of photos from Nebraska Memories. The photos on display will be changed on a regular basis, so there will always be something new to see!

McGoogan Library of Medicine: Mary Helms, associate director of the McGoogan library

in resources and technology, received the UNMC Spirit of Community Service Award. "I find service work to be incredibly enjoyable. I wouldn't do it if I weren't having fun," said Helms. The award was presented at the chancellor's annual faculty meeting.

It's the 100th Anniversary of the building of the Carnegie Library in DeWitt, and Director Gerry Powers has been printing interesting tidbits from the library board minutes during the building process and the early years of the library. Excerpts:

__ "In September of 1907 the cornerstone for the Carnegie Library was laid. Total cost: \$3,472."

__ "Motion prevailed instructing the librarian to notify the board of the name of any person acting in an ungentlemanly or unlady like manner while in the library room."

__ "The library was an important addition to the town and everything went fine until Feb. 9th, 1963 when the entire south wall of the 56 year old building collapsed. Mrs. Howlett [the librarian] remembered to lock the door as they exited the library, went home and called the board president."

__ "Librarian, Miss Hazel Dunn received \$11.00 for 22 weeks work at .50 a week [in 1906]." (from the SoLis newsletter April-May 2007)

Applications are being taken for the 2007 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute to be held July 9-13th in Schuyler, NE. It is a four day institute training the future leaders of tomorrow. For more information see:
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/NLLI2007.pdf>

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<http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.org/>

UNL Libraries hosted a reception for Librarians in the Leadership and Career Development Program, A diversity Initiative of the Association of Research Libraries. Their website (<http://www.arl.org/diversity/lcdp/index.shtml>) defines the program as:

The ARL (Association of Research Libraries) Leadership and Career Development Program (LCDP) is an 18-month program to prepare mid-career librarians from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups to take on increasingly demanding leadership roles in ARL libraries. ARL sponsors the LCDP to address the needs of research libraries for

a more diverse professional workforce that can contribute to library success in serving increasingly diverse scholarly and learning communities. Twenty Librarians from diverse backgrounds attended. Knowing firsthand how hard it is to recruit underrepresented racial and ethnic groups to NE and Lincoln City Libraries, I was impressed that the ARL is taking action.

The different divisions and round tables of the Nebraska Library Association have been hosting spring meetings. Topics vary from The Next Generation Library (sponsored by Technical Services Round table and College and University Section); Learn a Language in 80 days- SCOLA (New Members Round Table); to Geocaching and Intellectual Freedom issues (Public Library System, Trustees, and School, Children, Young People section).