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MPLA Board Report

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Notes from Nebraska

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Librarians all across the state are excited about the third annual bus trip to the MPLA conference in Albuquerque sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association. We will be loading the bus on Tuesday March 13th.

The Nebraska Library Association celebrated the 2007 Legislative Day with a full day of events starting with coffee & doughnuts at 8:30, followed by a briefing, luncheon and seminar. This was our opportunity to remind the Senators of what their libraries are doing in their community. Postcards were hand delivered to all the State Senators before the events. Included are some examples. (—Judy can you include a couple?-they are in one of the attachments) Over 30 Senators attended. Senator Lowen Kruse was awarded the Nebraska Library Association Library Champion Award for 2007 This award honors a state or federal legislator or an individual who has promoted and supported legislative efforts that promote Nebraska libraries and librarianship. After the luncheon several Senators had their pictures taken for a READ poster.

Nebraska Library Commission news: Since the Nebraska Library Commission is always interested in experimenting with new ways to communicate with Nebraska library staff and supporters, we hope you'll take a look at the new section of our Website and tell us how it works for you. Now Hiring @ your library®, a new section of Nebraska Library Commission Website is now live. It provides easy access to information about library education options, scholarships, job openings, library careers, mentoring, and recruiting. Nebraska and regional job listings have been repackaged and are now provided through a searchable job bank resource at www.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/JobsAndCareers.asp. This Website supports the work of the Library Commission's federal grant, Recruiting the Next Generation of Nebraska Librarians @ the movies.

Do you recognize the object below? Most of you have one in your library in one form or another. It's a bookcart!

Nancy Chmiel and her teen group entered a Pimp My Bookcart national contest (for the creators for Unshelved, a library based cartoon, www.overduemedia.com) in January. Out of 100 entries, we tied for runner-up! I'm so proud of the work the teens did. We turned an ordinary old wooden bookcart into a VW Hippie bus. (The above two articles were courtesy of Febr- March SoLiS newsletter, Brenda Ealey editor.)