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The NLA Board carried a motion unanimously to sign a letter of agreement to make official the 20% tuition discount offered by Drexel U. The requirement was to list Drexel on the NLA page as offering a degree in library science. NLA's web site lists Drexel and six other universities offering library related degrees.

NLA membership as of June 6 stands at 700.

The NLA lobbyist, Ken Winston, was pleased with this year's Legislative session despite no additional funds for Library Commission. Commission budget was restored after earlier cuts. Winston felt Lawmakers had other urgent matters. New champions for libraries need to be identified and cooperative relationships need to be developed with other organizations. (Nebraska had 22 new senators this year because of the term limit law that went into effect. That meant almost half of the senators were new to the Unicameral.)

The Public Library section of NLA made Bylaws changes to incorporate TUFs (Trustees, Users and Friends) if merger occurs. TUFs may disband and become part of the Public Library Section. They do want to keep the trustee citation award.

UNO's Criss Library, Omaha, NE

#### Our Mission

The Criss Library's mission is to create physical and virtual environments which foster the university's goals for teaching, learning, and research.

#### Our Vision

The Criss Library is a place which is equally conducive to gathering around a cutting-edge, multi-functional workstation or relaxing in a comfortable chair with a book and a cup of coffee. Whether people come to us through the website or through the door, users experience intuitive, seamlessly integrated access to relevant resources in many formats. All services are aligned to provide an environment of discovery, productivity, and intellectual exchange. Events and partnerships both on and off campus entwine the library with UNO and its communities.

I have been a bit remiss in including academic library news, so future articles will include more information. I toured the Criss Library after renovation, and I recommend that you visit if you are in Omaha. I included the vision statement because I like it.