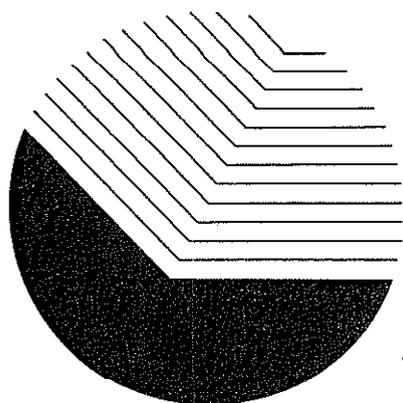


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Public Library Internet Survey

-Alice Meister
MPLA Intellectual Freedom Co-Chair



In September 1999, Montana's Bozeman Public Library conducted a patron survey to determine parents' attitudes toward their children's use of the Internet, as parents had increasingly been vocal in expressing these concerns. The children's library planned to add two Internet stations, so it seemed an opportune time to gauge parental opinion. Director Alice Meister contacted the American Library Association (ALA) and several other organizations for assistance in writing the survey; the result was a list of statements which ran from "Maintain current policy" (which said that restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian) to "Install filters on the children's Internet stations that limit what children can access" with degrees of variations between those statements. Respondents were asked to rank the statements they most supported from 1 to 5, whether they had children and whether they had experience with filtering. They were given a copy of the current policy to read along with an ALA sheet entitled "Libraries, Children and the Internet," which explained the problem with filtering and gave answers to other questions parents might ask.

Surveys were distributed in the Library and in our monthly newsletter. Results were evenly distributed between those in favor of maintaining the current policy and those advocating filtering until Meister and another librarian were on a local talk show promoting "Banned and Challenged Book Week," where the question of filtering arose and listeners were told about the survey being conducted at the Library. That last week of September faxed copies of the survey were received, and the names of the senders on the fax alerted us to the fact that we were being targeted by groups opposed to Internet usage for children. Thus we felt the results had been compromised; however, there was obvious enough concern from parents and others about this issue that the Library Board debated at length for several months. Taking a cue from the Great Falls Public Library (MT), the Board voted unanimously at its November 18th meeting to "recommend that an optional filtered search engine on the children's Internet stations be added in response to public concerns over Internet access for children."

On a specially designed Kids' Page on its web site (www.bozemanlibrary.org), parents and children

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... Around the MPLA Region

KANSAS

Johnson County Library has developed an Internet consumer health information Web site (www.jcl.lib.ks.us/is/healthnet/healinfo.htm) in partnership with Saint Luke's-Shawnee Mission Health System. Johnson County Library hosts the site. The site contains consumer health information, and also allows the public to ask health-related questions via e-mail that will be answered by Johnson County Library reference librarians, Saint Luke's library staff, and the ASK-A-NURSE program offered by Saint Luke's Shawnee Mission.

NEBRASKA

Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City is moving forward with its building project. The main part of the project will be an addition designed to preserve the building's historical value and appearance. The addition will include a new gallery room, meeting rooms and restrooms. The city is finishing up the bid process, and Library Director Kathleen Gripenstroh said construction would begin in early 2001.

The Louisville Public Library celebrated 100 years of service on February 1, 2001.

NEW

MEXICO

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System will be celebrating one hundred years as a public library in 2001. The opening event in a yearlong series of events is a lecture by Joe Sabatini, head of the Special Collections Branch Library. His topic is "In Search of Stella Dixon: Genealogical Ramblings to Uncover the Hidden Chapters of the Library's History." This will be presented at the Wednesday, February 14, meeting of the Genealogy Club of Albuquerque, 10:30 a.m. to noon, in Botts Hall at the Special Collections Library, 423 Central Avenue NE.

Stella Dixon served as the librarian from 1917 to 1935. There is virtually nothing in the library's archives from this period except statistical records. Using census returns, city directories, newspaper accounts, Erna Fergusson's papers, and random facts, Joe will recreate the history of the library and its environment during these critical years.

On Tuesday, May 1, at 2 p.m. there will be the Centennial Celebration at Special Collections, the grand opening for an exhibit recreating a portion of the library collection available when the City began public library service on May 1, 1901. The New Mexico Library Foundation's traveling exhibit on New Mexico library history will also be on display at this time.

UTAH

Many of Utah's public Libraries serve communities that are also tourist destinations. As the 2002 Olympics approach, Utah libraries will continue to cope with the challenges of large numbers of tourists demanding library service in towns with already limited resources. Sonja Plummer recently addressed some of these issues in an article in "Directions for Utah Libraries." Sonja can be reached at Sonja@grand.lib.ut.us.

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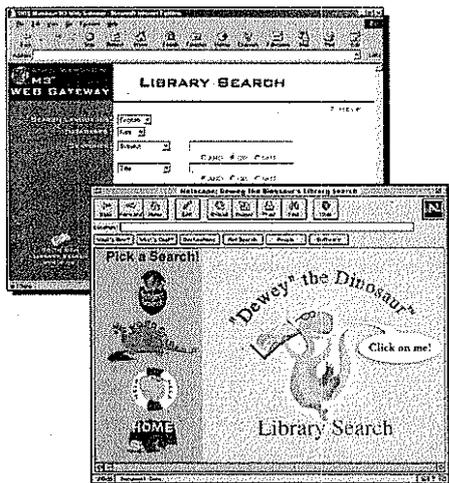
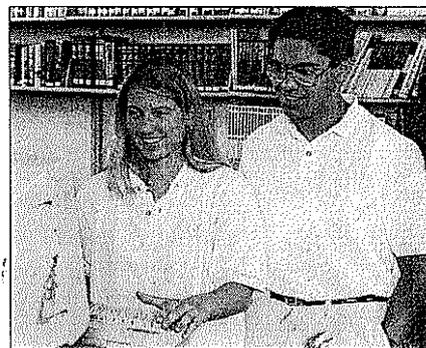
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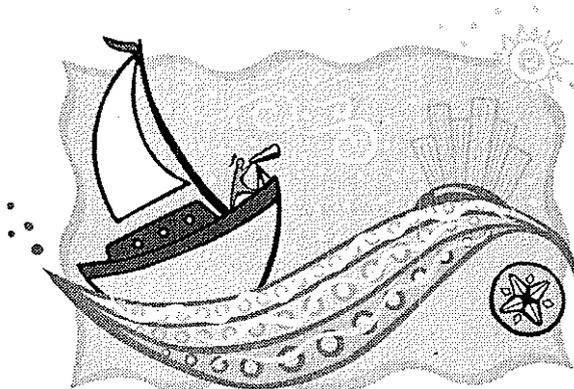
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find a choice of filtered search engines as well as links and information about recommended sites, as the idea is to keep them within those parameters. None of the Library's adult Internet stations are filtered. Believing in a proactive approach, the Library offers classes for parents and children on the use of the Internet. We also have the children's Internet stations with privacy screens located close to the desk in order to abide by the state law on obscenity which makes it a criminal offense to exhibit anything obscene to anyone under the age of 18. This proximity encourages more responsible usage of the Internet.



The result has been anticlimactic as we believe very few people seem to use these search engines. In fact, the first one chosen (Sear&Hound) stopped filtering, but no patrons noticed or complained! After researching other options, the Library now uses SuperSnooper and OneKey. We felt this was a good compromise, as we responded to local concerns but did not impose filtering. Instead it is a choice, and choices are what libraries promote.

For a copy of the survey and/or further information, please contact Alice Meister, MPLA Intellectual Freedom Co-Chair, at: ameister@mtlib.org.



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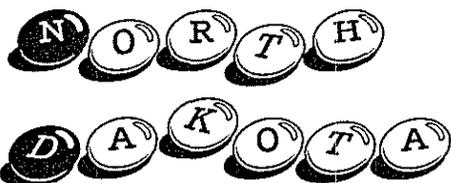
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A North Dakota LSTA project was chosen by the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington, D.C. to be a "Highlight of the Month" this past July. The project cataloged and made available on ODIN and national databases 122 collections of the papers of influential ND women and ND women's organizations. The project was coordinated by Sandy Slater and Shelby Harken of UND's Chester Fritz Library.



Members of the Wyoming State Library E-team (Electronic Book team) visited the netLibrary headquarters in Boulder, CO, to learn more about the digital content the company offers.

The occasion was the Rocky Mountain Special Libraries Association meeting in late September. Jerry Krois, Brian Greene, Linn Rounds and Erin Kinney attended the session.

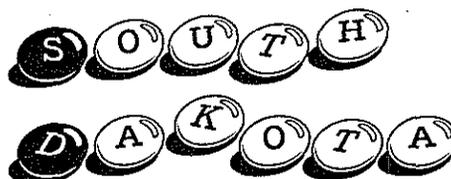
The evening's agenda featured demonstrations, a tour of the facilities, and a special presentation by netLibrary staff including the vice president for research and library systems, corporate collection manager and western area manager. N&Library is a provider of digital content and collection management services.

During the past two years, the company has been working with publishers to provide electronic versions of their books. The company offers thousands of choices on a variety of subjects: humanities, art, science, literature, philosophy and economics. These are full-text electronic books along with Internet-based content collection management services.

The State Library is considering the purchase of some electronic titles, but the subject areas are yet to be determined. Although the eoboks can be shared

within consortia environment, the specific details of how the collection will be managed in Wyoming is still being studied.

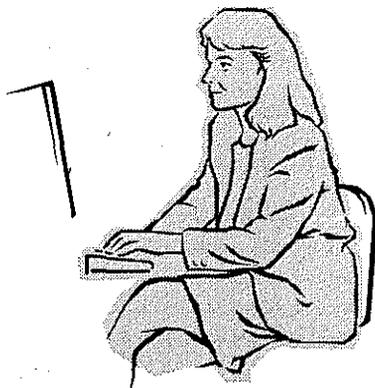
This project is the State Library's second venture into digital content. The first was the purchase of Rocket Ebooks for libraries to test.



A new student-centered production facility has opened at I.D. Weeks Library. The Technology Literacy Center (TLC) at The University of South Dakota's I.D. Weeks Library is a convenient and well-staffed place for students to scan and edit photos, create and print color graphs and images, develop web pages and presentations, and put together audio and video projects. The TLC's goal is to provide students with tools to complete current class projects and in the process add to their information and technology literacy skills. The TLC will complement the lifelong learning and information literacy goals adopted by The University of South Dakota.

The concept for the TLC was conceived and developed during the summer and early fall of 2000, and the Center opened for business in November. The TLC is located on the west end of the second floor of I.D. Weeks Library. The TLC introduces USD's first wireless network. Its IO computers allow students to access the Library's databases, the USD campus network, and the greater Internet, as well as many software packages, such as Adobe Premiere, Adobe Photoshop, MS FrontPage, the MS Office 2000 Suite, and more.

Several other computer labs are available on campus for students to write and edit papers and complete assignments independently. However, students have requested additional software and equipment along with technical assistance to develop Web and other media-based presentations. The TLC is staffed 70 hours per week by consultants drawn from USD library faculty, library staff, and South Dakota Technology Fellow recipients representing a variety of academic disciplines. The TLC staff is trained



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Consumer Health Training Video Available

A new consumer health training video entitled *The Librarian is In: Facing Modern Consumer Health Issues in the Public Library* has been underwritten by ICON, a



health sciences library consortium in Nebraska and Western Iowa. The video was developed and scripted by the Reference Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center McGoogan Library of Medicine and acted by members of ICON. The film was funded by the National Network of Libraries of

Medicine under contract N01-LM-6-3524 for ICON, and produced by the University of Nebraska Medical Center Biomedical Communications Department.

The Librarian is In is intended to help librarians in the public library setting deal with consumer health questions they may encounter in their libraries. However, it will also be useful for librarians in any setting who deal with consumer health questions. Five scenarios on the topics of doctor credentials/questionable doctors, dealing with emotional customers, cancer treatment, alternative medicines, and drugs are covered. Each scenario demonstrates an interaction between a librarian and a customer asking for help. Various print and Web resources are mentioned by the characters as well as by the narrator. The narrator summarizes important information to remember at the end of each vignette.

A facilitator's handbook has also been developed to accompany the video. The handbook and video are intended to be used as training aids for librarian educators or could be used for self-study by individuals.

The video and facilitator's handbook may be ordered from:

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McGoogan Library of Medicine
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The cost for the video is \$15. The cost for the handbook is \$10. Checks can be made out to ICON and sent to the above address.

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The New Members Round Table of the American Library Association is pleased to announce the **EBSCO/NMRT**

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The EBSCOMMRT Scholarship is administered by the Scholarship Committee of the New Members Round Table of the American Library Association. Contact the Committee Chair, Sally Gibson, at sallyg@creighton.edu if you have any questions. Visit the ALA/Division/Round Table Scholarship Program web page for an application form and instructions.

In order to be considered for the EBSCOMMRT Scholarship, all applications must contain the following:

- ALA Scholarship Entry form
- Three letters of Reference
- Resume that details work experience, professional activities, and honors
- Personal Statement (a one page statement that outlines your interest in librarianship and how library education will aid you in achieving your goals)

Application deadline for the 2001 award is March 1, 2001.

More information can be found at:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2001

- March 1 — 3: PLA Spring Symposium, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago.
- March 15 — 18: ACRL National Conference, Denver.
- April 1 — 7: National Library Week
- April 4 — 6: Kansas Library Association, Topeka
- April 18 — 20: New Mexico Library Association, Albuquerque
- April 18 — 21: Oklahoma Library Association, Oklahoma City
- April 25 — 28: Montana Library Association, Kalispell, "Library Magic—We Have the Wand!"
- May 2 — 4: Utah Library Association, Salt Lake City, "Preservation: Framing the Future"
- May 25 — 31: Medical Library Association, Orlando, FL
- June 14 — 20: ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco, "Libraries: Cornerstone of Democracy"
- August 8 — 11: Pacific Northwest Library Association, Corvallis, OR
- September 26 — 29: Wyoming Library Association, Cody.
- September 27 — 29: North Dakota Library Association, Williston
- October 3 — 5: South Dakota Library Association, Aberdeen
- October 4 — 7: Nevada Library Association, Las Vegas
- October 11 — 14: LITA National Forum, Milwaukee, WI
- October 16 — 19: ACRL, Washington, DC
- October 17 — 19: Nebraska Library Association, Kearney

Future MPLA CONFERENCES

2001 — Arizona Library Association, Phoenix, December 5-7.

2002 — North Dakota & South Dakota Library Associations, Fargo, ND, Oct. 2-5.

2003 — Nevada Library Association, Lake Tahoe.

2004 — Colorado Library Association, Snow Mass.

2005 -Wyoming Library Association, TBA.

2007 — New Mexico Library Association: TBA.

November 4 — 8: American Society for Information Science, Washington, DC

December 5 -7: Mountain Plains Library Association/Arizona Library Association Joint Conference.

2002

January 18 — 23: ALA Midwinter Meeting, New Orleans, LA

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21st Century Librarian Award



Beginning this year, the Syracuse University School of Information Studies is pleased to offer an award recognizing librarians' work in shaping the new information environment that is emerging on a global scale. The 21st Century Librarian Award will provide \$5,000 to a librarian who has been a leader in the evolution of the library profession in this new milieu, and recognize his or her accomplishments in a ceremony in Syracuse, NY, in the fall of 2001. The successful applicant will display a history of actively adapting the established principles and practices of librarianship to the changing information environment, through ongoing or completed projects. Applicants should be active in shaping the organizational, social, and technological transition to the increasingly digital library with respect to one or more of the following areas:

- Social awareness, including services to minority communities, populations with special needs, outreach services, etc.;
- Ethic of service, including a focus on the needs and concerns of the library user;
- Free access to information, issues of privacy, intellectual property and censorship;
- Creative implementation of technology, including equipment, services and training;
- Redefinition of scholarly communication and information dissemination;
- And other innovative approaches to dealing with the evolution of the information environment.

We welcome participation from librarians at all stages of their careers.

How to Apply

Participation in the 21st-Century Librarian Award competition can be initiated in one of two ways: Librarians can apply directly to the Award committee, or they can be nominated by a third party.

The completed application file will contain the following components:

- A letter of application
- One letter of recommendation
- Resume or C.V.
- A personal statement, 500 to 1000 words, written by the applicant/nominee describing completed or ongoing career accomplishments or special projects
- Optional: Publications, promotional materials or other documentation relevant to the activities described in the application

If you are nominating someone else, please send your letter of recommendation to the Award committee and we will request the needed materials from the nominee.

The Award winner will be announced on May 1, 2001.

Deadline for applications: March 30, 2001

Deadline for third-party nominations: February 28, 2001

Additional Information

For more information, contact:

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Application Materials

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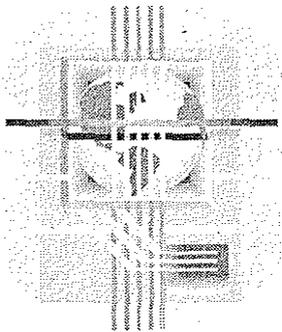
The 21st-Century Librarian Award is a project of students in the MLS program at Syracuse University, School of Information Studies. The project's advisor is Jana Bradley, director of the MLS program.

For more information: <http://istweb.syr.edu/librarianaward/>

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to provide assistance with media, Web, graphics, and other specialized applications. Drawing from their expertise in advanced Microsoft Office products and other authoring software, TLC consultants are ready to work with students in integrating technology into their scholarly and creative work.

USD Director of Libraries David Hulkonen says of the TLC: "The Library is an appropriate place to have a facility where students can build a project from the ground up; Reference faculty can guide the research process, and trained consultants in the TLC can help the student become more adept with specialized processes that contribute to successful class assignments and research projects."



In May of 2000, the North Las Vegas Library District hosted its first Poetry SLAM. With generous support from TARGET Stores, Barnes and Noble Books, and Laura's Vineyard, a local restaurant, this first event was extremely successful.

The TARGET Community Grant brought bilingual Hispanic author Gary Soto to the library to do a poetry reading. Soto also graciously agreed to judge our teen poetry contest. More than thirty-five teens from local middle and high schools submitted poems for consideration.

The night of the reading, eight young people were invited to dinner with Mr. Soto. They also read their winning submissions after Mr. Soto's program. A large group of listeners, family, supporters and poetry enthusiasts attended the program. Barnes and Noble Books provided free copies of Mr. Soto's recent publications, as well as poetry collections and other books for the teens.

So many people over the age of eighteen called wanting to participate that a second event was held on Thursday, August 17th.

More than sixty-five people came to read their poetry or listen to other readings. Twenty-five poets read in the first round and ten of those were chosen to read in the second round.

The event was featured in City Life's PICK OF THE WEEK highlights. A reporter and a photographer from the LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL were also in attendance, and they were impressed and delighted by the evening. Susan Stutzky won the poetry contest with two poems, "If My Legs Were Two Inches Longer" and "Rules for My Funeral" which delighted everyone. Local poets attended and served as judges. The contestants ranged in age from six years old to eighty years old, and all were inspirational. "It was a magical evening!" commented Nancy Jefferis from Barnes & Noble Books.

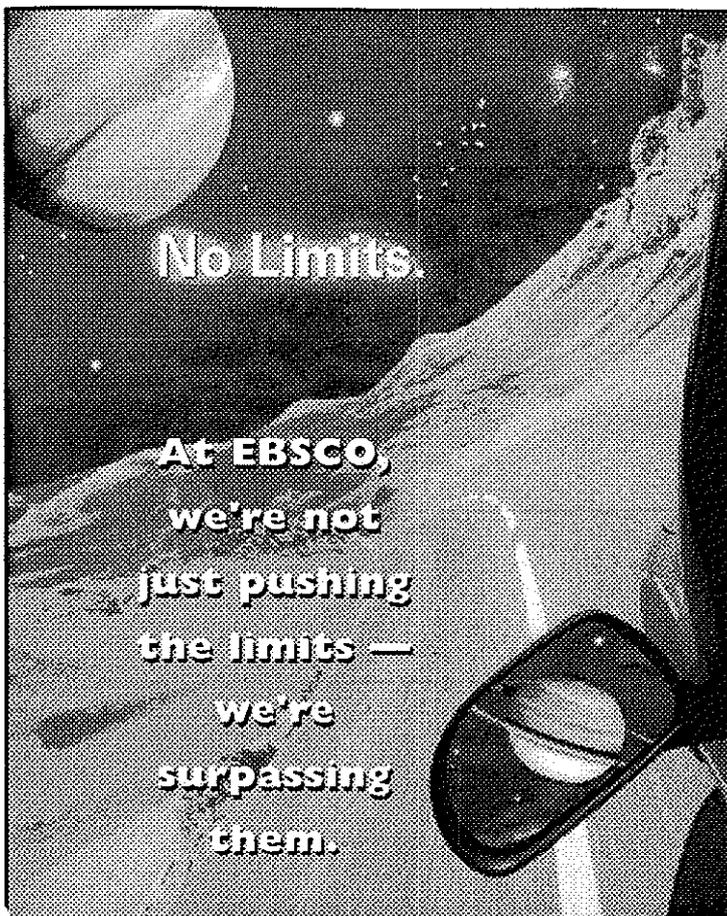


The 2001 Conference Committee invites you to share your professional expertise and creative ideas in planning the 2001 joint conference of AzLA and MPLA. Using the Program Proposal Form at <http://www.azla.org/conference/propform.html>, please submit any ideas for speakers, topics, or programming that you would like to participate in or that you would like to see presented at the December conference. There are many leaders, innovative thinkers, and dedicated practitioners within the reach of these two associations that are wonderful resources. By sharing our expertise, we all benefit. **Hurry!** Program proposals are due by Friday, March 2, 2001.



The Parker Library featured The *Iditarod Sled Dog Race 2001 -Art-Exhibit Fundraiser for the Teacher on the Trail*, from December 1, 2000 through

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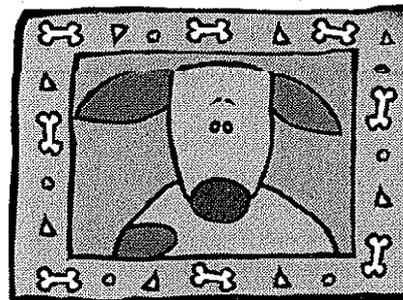
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January 3, 2001.

The show was a collection of donated work from local artists, including Becky Gale, Ziba Kelley, Helen Moseman, Tama Peck, Billi Pracht, Louise Schroeder, Julie Woods and Nancy Yarrison. Proceeds from all exhibit sales will help sponsor Diane Nye, *Iditarod's* "Teacher on the Trail in 2001." Ms. Nye will report about the race to teachers and students across the United States, as well as to thirteen foreign countries.

The *Iditarod* is a sled dog race across Alaska that begins in Anchorage on March 3, 2001, and continues for up to sixteen days, ending in Nome. Ms.

Nye was chosen from numerous applicants and has been a teacher for thirteen years, including eight at Running Creek Elementary in Elizabeth. For many years she incorporated the *Iditarod* in every subject area of her third grade curriculum, for example: studying the geography of Alaska and its culture, analyzing the dangers that the mushers might encounter in the race; problem solving within the theme of the race; and reading poems, stories, and novels about the *Iditarod*.



The Friends of the Muskogee Public Library hosted a memorable "Books Sandwiched In" presentation in September. "Slides from a Trip to Antarctica" was presented by Jeri McMahon of Fort Gibson. McMahon is a

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2001 Newbery and Caldecott Medal Winners Announced

Newbery Medal

The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

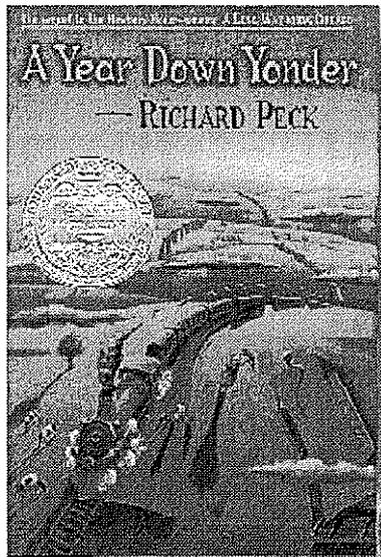
2001 Newbery Medal Winner

The 2001 Newbery Medal winner is *A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck (Dial Books for Young Readers).

This linked series of carefully crafted vignettes is set in rural Illinois during the Depression, when fifteen-year-old Mary Alice leaves Chicago to spend a year with Grandma Dowdel. Her initial apprehension at life in a small town with a scheming old woman gradually gives way to admiration and love as she recognizes the warm heart behind Grandma's shenanigans.

"Peck's characters are fully realized, from the quiet widow nursing her war-injured son, to Maxine Patch, running out of Grandma's house draped only in the biggest snake outside the Brookfield Zoo," said Caroline S. Parr, chair of the Newbery Award Selection Committee. "These stories will, like Maxine, streak straight into the annals of undying fame."

A Year Down Yonder is a sequel to Peck's 1999 Newbery Honor book *A Long Way From Chicago*, also published by Dial.



2001 Newbery Honor Books

Because of Winn-Dixie

by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick Press)

When a stray dog appears almost magically in the midst of the produce section of the Winn-Dixie grocery store, he leads ten-year-old India Opal Buloni from one new friend to the next in a small Florida town. The stories she gathers from each new friend help her to piece together a new definition-of family.

"This humorous and touching first novel is as flavorful as the lozenges once made in town by Littmus W. Block. that taste sweet and sad at the same time," said Parr.

Hope Was Here

by Joan Bauer (G.P. Putnam's Sons)

Hope Was Here tells the story of sixteen-year-old Hope and her aunt and their move to a small town in Wisconsin to join the "short order dance" of life at the Welcome Stairways Diner. In the course of just a few months, Hope encounters issues as diverse as her customers: corruption in politics, a new love, serious illness and the meaning of family.

"Bauer juggles story lines as well as Hope juggles plates, and the lessons of waitressing expand into lessons about the essentials of life, said Parr."

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Joey Pigza Loses Control

by Jack Gantos (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux)

Spending the summer with his estranged father, Joey longs for the two of them to be winners together, but their lives spiral out of control. As the old "wired" Joey returns, readers will long to see him regain his balance in an out-of-kilter world.

"Gantos' masterful writing style mirrors Joey's unpredictable thought patterns. This story is a tale whose pain is generously laced with humor."

The Wanderer

by Sharon Creech (Joanna Cotler Books, Harper-Collins)

Sailing across the Atlantic with her uncles and cousins becomes a journey of discovery for thirteen-year-old Sophie in *The Wanderer*. In language as fluid and rhythmic as the sea itself, the carefully designed plot gradually reveals the truth of Sophie's past, as readers begin to wonder about this rag-tag crew.

"Through journal entries, Creech skillfully weaves multiple viewpoints into a story that speaks to the power of survival and the delicacy of grief."

Caldecott Medal

The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

2001 Caldecott Medal Winner

The 2001 Caldecott Medal winner is *So You Want*

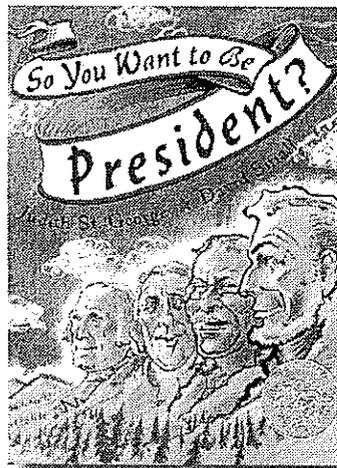
to be *President?* illustrated by David Small. Text: Judith St. George (Philomel)

In illustrations rendered in a harmonious mix of watercolor, ink, and pastel chalk, David Small employs wiry and expansive lines with an echo of political cartooning investing this personable history of the presidency with imaginative detail, wry humor, and refreshing dignity.

"Small's illustrations liberate the presidents from years of bulletin-board duty. He humanizes these oh-so-familiar icons with art that captures the spirit of the individual and collectively provides a genuinely enlightening overview of this unique American institution," said Connie Rockman, chair of the Caldecott Award Selection Committee.

2001 Caldecott Honor Books

Casey at *the But*, illustrated by Christopher Bing. Text: Ernest Lawrence Thayer (Handprint)



The immortal ballad of Ernest Thayer finds new life through Christopher Bing's innovative treatment. Pen and ink scratchboard "engravings" in late 19th-century style are seamlessly blended with memorabilia and *trompe l'oeil* recreations in an homage to the great American pastime.

"Using the latest technological applications, Bing has firmly placed Thayer's poem in its own historic era. Layering the illustrations with detailed contextual background and a confident, even cocky depiction of Casey, Bing brings the world of the *Mudville Nine* to life for a new generation," said Rockman.

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type illustrated by Betsy Lewin. Text: Doreen Cronin (Simon & Schuster)

Farm-smart cows recycle outdated technology, a manual typewriter, to improve barnyard conditions.

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— Heidi Nickisch Duggan



The February issue of the *Newsletter* will be dedicated to the membership of MPLA — all the Board Choice Award winners will be listed, as will a long list of new members.

I've had a wonderful experience being the MPLA Newsletter Editor for several years, and I need to pass that joy on to someone else. The next issue will have an ad for the Editor position, but if you have questions about the position in the meantime, please contact MPLA President Linda Rea at lrea@hastings.lib.ne.us.

Also in the next issue: News from the President!

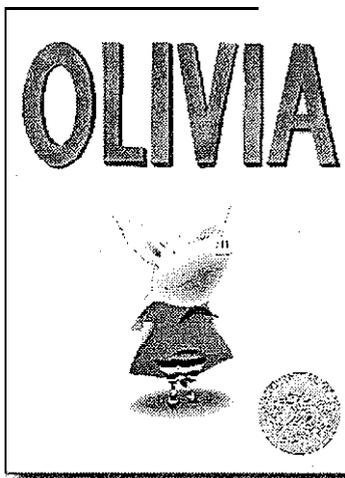


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Lewin's illustrations help tell this tongue-in-cheek story about bovine agitators locking horns with Farmer Brown in a battle of will and wit that results in a comically satisfying conclusion.

"Seemingly simple watercolors and fluid, confident black lines supported by careful color choices, dramatic shadows, and dynamic page design combine to create a lighthearted pictorial experience," said Rockman. "Every detail is just right and every page gives a new perspective on this novel situation."

Olivia by Ian Falconer (Atheneum)



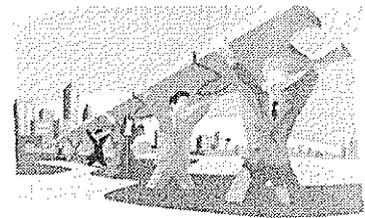
Olivia is an inquisitive, creative, confident piglet who is "very good at wearing people out." Falconer's illustrations bring to life this little piglet who dreams big dreams and keeps everyone busy.

"With the touch of a minimalist, Falconer has fully created an exuberant character using black lines, delicate charcoal shading, generous white space, and spots of brilliant red."

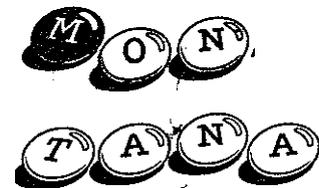


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Muskogee Audubon Society ornithological traveler and an expert on bird sightings. She recently followed the course of Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition, the first to cross the Antarctic ice pack. The book reviewed was "Endurance, Shackleton's Incredible Voyage."



Friends of the Pawnee Public Library have been busy raising money to pay for needed interior work at the new library site. A dinner theatre fund-raiser, along with a November book sale, helped pay for roof repairs on the 4,200-square-foot building. The current city library is only 930 square feet. As of October 2000, the new site needed \$35,000 worth of work and furnishings. The city offered to sell its trash truck, with proceeds going towards the project. The truck may have fetched between \$30,000 to \$35,000. The city now has private trash service.



Alice Meister, director the Bozeman Public Library, and Jim Heckel, director of the Great Falls Public Library, were recently interviewed for Net Family Newsletter. The interview can be found online at www.netfamilynews.org/nl040126.html.



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Mohave County Library Kingman, AZ Librarian

LIBRARIAN POSITION Job #9542. Mohave County Library in Kingman (AZ) is seeking a public-service oriented librarian to supervise branch operations and staff of 12. Mohave County is one of the fastest growing rural counties in the country. (www.co.mohave.az.us)

Qualifications: Any acceptable combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school with some related college level course work and three (3) to five (5) years progressively responsible library experience. A **Master's Degree in Library Science** from an ALA accredited School of Library Science is preferred as is one to two year's of Supervisory experience and the ability, knowledge and skills to perform the duties of this position.

Salary Range: Beginning \$27,206-\$28,808 annually+ benefits. **Position is open until filled.**

For applications contact: Mohave County Human Resources, PO Box 7000, 809 E. Beale Street, Kingman, AZ 86402-7000; (520) 753-0736, ext. 4116, Fax (520) 753-0783. EOE

Kansas Wesleyan University Salina, KS Assistant Librarian

Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Librarian. The position is twelve-month, non-tenure and will begin July 1, 2001. MLS from an ALA approved institution is required. The successful candidate will assume primary responsibility for interlibrary loan services and serials management; and assist in providing general reference services including print and electronic information sources. Some evening hours will be required.

Send letter of interest, copies of transcripts, resume, and three current references including postal and/or e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers to Dr. Janet Juhnke, Vice-President/Dean of Faculty, Kansas Wesleyan University,

100 E. Claflin, Salina, KS 67401-6196 by March 1, 2001.

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North Dakota State Library
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0800
701-328-2492

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