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Nebraska State Representative Report
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Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association Annual Conference

The Nebraska Library Association (NLA)/Nebraska Education Media Association (NEMA) annual fall conference, "Leading, Linking and Learning" will be held October 23rd - 35th at the Cornhusker Hotel and Convention Center in Lincoln. Keynote speakers are:

- Dr. Robert Sidney Martin librarian, archivist, administrator, and educator. He was appointed by the U.S. President on June 5, 2001 to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent Federal grant-making agency that supports the nation's libraries and museums.
- Hazel Rochman, was born and raised in South Africa under apartheid where she worked as a journalist until she left in 1963. Since 1984 she has reviewed for the Books for Youth section at Booklist, the reviewing journal of the American Library Association, where she is Editor. Her reviews have also appeared in the New York Times Book Review and the Chicago Tribune.

Summer Reading Program 2003 -- Laugh It Up @ your library (tm)

Orders and manuals for Laugh It Up @ your library™ were mailed to all Nebraska public libraries on September 13. Nebraska public libraries will receive one copy of the manual without charge. Nebraska school librarians may also receive a copy without charge if they request it by October 15th. This year there will also be a limited number of young adult manuals for public libraries that request one, as well as a line of young adult materials offered on the order blank. Another special new feature this year are the "library bucks" individuals will receive when they order other Highsmith products. These coupons will help defray the cost of summer reading materials. For each \$100.00 of Highsmith products purchased, librarians will receive "bucks" worth \$10.00 toward their summer reading order.

Watch for Weekly Trivia Questions to be Posted to the Trial Mailing List -- Beginning Friday, Sept. 6

Individuals needing a little extra help using the statewide databases are invited to try and answer one of the Database Quiz questions to be posted to a TRIAL mailing list. Beginning September 6, the Nebraska Library Commission will be providing a bit of trivia fun for subscribers of the TRIAL mailing list.

Each Friday morning they will send out a trivia question that can be answered using one of the statewide databases: FirstSearch, Wilson OmniFile, Wilson Biographies Plus, Electric Library or Kiplinger Business Forecasts. Answers are sent to a specific email address. Later, an announcement is made naming the person with the first correct answer, as well directions on how to answer the question using the databases.

The trivia questions are created with three things in mind: 1) To highlight the wide variety of information librarians and other information users can find in the various databases; 2) to encourage users to discover new and useful content available through these resources; and 3) educate users about the searching options and functionality available with each database.

The Nebraska Library Commission hopes these exercises can both provide a bit of fun, as well as a new tool to learn about the electronic resources they provide. INET Classroom / INET Library Trial: August 30 - September 30

Nebraska libraries will have trial access to INET Classroom and INET Library throughout the month of September. [The INET Library is the world's largest educational resource for concerned parents and teachers. It is composed of more than 250,000 select websites. Currently in use by schools, public libraries, universities, and in hundreds of homes, the INET Library provides material of substance to students ranging from kindergarten to the postgraduate level.] INET Classroom provides several tools in one integrated system:

- Curriculum Builder Web-Texts - aligned to your state standards
- Ready, Set, Test!
- INET Advisor
- INET Library

For more information about the INET Library and Classroom visit <http://www.inetlibrary.com>

Readers' Guide Retrospective Trial: Free Access For Nebraska Libraries Through October 31, 2002

The H.W. Wilson company is offering Nebraska Libraries free trial access to their Readers' Guide Retrospective database. This trial will run through October 31, 2002. Complete details on how to participate in this trial are available at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/trial.html#rgr> This trial is part of the H.W. Wilson Company's "prepublication promotion" of its Readers' Guide Retrospective Database. This fall the conversion of the print index will be complete, and electronic data comprising Readers' Guide from 1890-1982 will be available on the Web to libraries who purchase the data. As a result of this promotion, Nebraska libraries ordering Readers' Guide Retrospective through the Nebraska Library Commission before October 31, 2002 will receive a 20% discount off list price.

2002 Draft Revised Nebraska Guidelines for Young People's Library Service

The Nebraska Guidelines for Young People's Library Services were revised during 2001-2002 by the Nebraska Library Commission's Youth Advisory Board. They will be considered for approval by the School Children's and Young People's section of the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) at the October NLA Convention.

Nebraska Public Librarians Encouraged to Apply for Scholarships to Attend Read Aloud to a Child Week Workshop on November 5th in Lincoln

Nebraska public library staff members are encouraged to apply for free registration for the "Read Aloud to a Child" workshop on November 5, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn - Downtown.

Cosponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission, the workshop is presented in conjunction with "Read Aloud to a Child Week," as proclaimed by Governor Mike Johanns. The pre-registration fee of \$50 (includes lunch) will be waived for the first fifty public library staff members to register through the

Nebraska Library Commission by October 15. NEBASE Annual Meeting 2002 - East - Oct. 3rd [NEBASE is the consortium of OCLC-member libraries in Nebraska.]

The NEBASE Annual Meeting 2002 - East will be held on Thursday, October 3 at The Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. This year's meeting will include presentations by OCLC staff on two new OCLC services, Question Point and Digital Preservation and Resources. The afternoon will include a panel on Virtual Reference in Nebraska. For libraries that may be interested in OCLC services, but not yet OCLC members there will be an afternoon session on Automating Your Library.

Public Library Administration Basic Skills Course offered to Nebraska Librarians

The Public Library Administration Basic Skills course, sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission and Nebraska's Regional Library System is set for November 2002 at sites across the state. This course, one of four Basic Skills courses required for certification of librarians, addresses Governance and Cooperation; Planning; Policies and procedures; and Personnel.

Fundraising Training in Nebraska

Fundraising Training, sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission in cooperation with Nebraska's six Regional Library Systems, for public library staff and supports is set for September 16th - October 29th. Staff of the Nebraska Community Foundation will serve as trainers on fundraising issues related to public libraries.

Nebraska Rural Poll

According to the 2002 Nebraska Rural Poll results, 76% of those responding stated that they were "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" with local library services. Moreover, 41% reported that they were "very satisfied" with library services. This was the highest percentage accorded to all services, including Education (K-12), Basic Medical, Parks & Recreation, Law Enforcement, Housing, Senior Centers...a total of 26 services.

New and Improved Services for UNL's Love Library

A wireless network, new laptop computers for check out, and additional study areas are just a few of the new and improved services the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Love Library has to offer starting this fall. Technicians spent the summer installing the wireless network in the book stacks of Love Library. Wireless access is available in the book stacks as well as some surrounding areas. To connect to the wireless network, students need laptop computers that have an ethernet card.

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