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MPLA Board Report May 2012

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Nebraska Snapshot Day

Nebraska Snapshot Day 2012: a Day in the Life of Nebraska Libraries was held during the week of April 15th through the 21st. Libraries were encouraged to collect usage statistics, photos, videos, and stories for one day that week. This information can be shared with your library board, funding groups, and the media. The Nebraska Library Commission will compile all the information and publish the statewide data for advocacy use. This year's effort was led by Robin Clark from the Sump Memorial Library in Papillion and Jessica Chamberlain from the Northeast Library System.

Nebraska Public Libraries Awarded \$27,000.00 for Internship Grants

Nineteen public libraries recently received a total of \$27,000.00 to support interns. Funding was provided through a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Nebraska libraries also received internship grants in 2011. Sample projects included setting up and maintaining a library's social networking page; teaching children how to manipulate photos with software; and hosting an e-reader book discussion with middle school boys.

Libraries receiving the 2012 funding are –

- Arapahoe Public Library
- Bassett – Rock County Public Library
- Blair Public Library
- Chadron Public Library
- Clearwater Public Library
- Howells Public Library
- Lincoln City Libraries
- McCook Public Library
- Norfolk Public Library
- North Platte Public Library
- Omaha Public Library
- Orleans – CB Preston Memorial Library
- Papillion – Sump Memorial Library
- Ponca Carnegie Library
- Randolph – Lied Randolph Public Library
- Rushville Public Library
- Schuyler Public Library
- Scribner Public Library

- Tilden – Raymond A. Whitwer Public Library

21st Century Skills Scholarships Awarded by the Nebraska Library Commission

Ten Nebraska students in undergraduate and graduate Library Science programs recently received a 21st Century Librarian scholarship from the Nebraska Library Commission. Funding was provided through a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner commented, “The focus on 21st century skills is essential to meeting the library service needs of Nebraska’s diverse population. We expect that our program will assist in providing students with needed skills leading to higher quality library services across Nebraska.”

The April 2012 scholarship recipients were –

- Angela Stacie Bannon – Lincoln
- Angela Krejci – Louisville
- Michelle McCay-Broyles – Holdredge
- Libby Munsell – York
- Carryna Northup – Lincoln
- Kimberly Rothgeb – Omaha
- Nicholas Runyan – Ainsworth
- Jill Sempek – Columbus
- Monica Tidyman – Stromsburg
- Andrea Wright – Omaha

MPLA/NLA/NEMA Tri-Conference

The conference committee met on March 21st and April 18th. I missed the April 18th meeting because of a family wedding in Florida. I booked the MPLA booth space on April 3rd. The deadline for program proposals ended on April 30th. Registration rates, meal menus, lodging information, and pre-conferences have been added to the website. The three pre-conferences are the Ford Center Conservation Tour; Read Aloud Nebraska with featured authors Jim Aylesworth, Lisa Campbell Ernst, Julia Cook, Ted Kooser, Preston McDaniels and James Solheim; and The Embedded School Librarian with Sara Kelley-Mudie.