

The Western Sun



The Newsletter of the Western Library System- Nov.-Dec 2015

Emergency Preparedness Workshop



On October 30th local library and museum staff participate in the workshop Emergency Preparedness and Recovery at the Legacy of the Plains presented by Tom Clarkson Senior Consultant for Digital & Preservation Services LYRASIS.



Photos by Christie Clarke of Gering Public Library

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians Schedule

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Title</u>
1/11 - 1/22	Communication*
1/25 - 2/5	Library Technology
2/8 - 2/19	Customer Service*
2/29 - 3/11	Library Governance
3/21 - 4/15	Organization of Materials*
4/25 - 5/6	Readers Advisory
5/9 - 5/20	Intellectual Freedom*
5/23 - 6/3	Library Finance
6/6 - 6/17	Reference—Instructor: Eric Green
7/18 - 7/29	Collection Management*
8/22 - 9/2	Library Policy
9/12 - 9/23	Program & Outreach
10/3 - 10/14	Community & Library*
10/24 - 11/4	Management and Supervision
11/7 - 11/18	Leadership
12/5 - 12/16	Library Service to Children

* Required Classes

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Children's author Buck Wilder entertains children and adults at the Ogallala Public Library on October 1st. His recent Author Tour in Western Nebraska included several public libraries and elementary schools.

Halloween in Western Nebraska



Halloween Storytime draws many citizens to the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library



Alliance Public Library



A UFO over Ogallala?

**Western Library System Regular Meeting
Tuesday September 8, 2015
Railway Office Plaza**

President Maryruth Reed called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Quorum check and agenda set.

Board members present: Allison Roberts, Sara Brennemann, Stephanie Mika, Maryruth Reed, Kathy Terrell, Roberta Boyd, Michele Parks, Jill Hurtt, Ruth Walker and Carole Matthews. Also present were WLS coordinator Eric Green, NLC representative Rod Wagner, Pat Gross and Jeri Clapper.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated.

REPORTS:

District Reports:

Ruth reported that there is a fundraiser for the elementary Library, for funding a smart board, smart TV., and notebooks.

Grant County Library is preparing for the annual bake sale at the end of October.

Committee Reports:

Author Tour: 15 venues signed up for Buck Wilder to visit. Looking at schedule to best utilize time and miles. Tim Smith aka Buck Wilder is requesting \$50.00/night and \$100.00/event. Discussion was held on the how to handle the grant money for the author tour.

Scholarship: two applicants; Deb Carlson asked for \$200.00 to attend NLA/ NSLA annual conference. Andrew Sherman is also asking for \$700.00 to attend NLA conference. Scholarship committee recommended to grant both scholarships \$150.00.

Motion by Jill to grant both scholarships \$150.00 each, seconded by Carole. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Maryruth, Kathy, Ruth, Jill, Carole, Michele, Roberta, Allison, Sara, and Stephanie Nay: none. Motion Carried.

Committee signup sheet: Maryruth switched with Allison from nominating to Public relations committee.

WLS Coordinator Report: Eric's report was presented in writing.

Eric donated tv/vcr/cd player to Dalton PL.

Discussion was held on the need of a camera with telephoto lens.

Discussion was also held on purchasing a book binder to repair books.

NLC Report: Rod's report was presented in writing. Items that were not in the report: NLC plans to offer internship grants with \$20,000 to \$25,000 available to support high school and college age students who work in the Public Libraries in the summer with stipends for the students up to \$1,000.00.

Legislature resolution 288 concerns public library logs and issues relating to library boards and city councils in second class cities. Conflicts that arise when library boards have differences with city council.

Legislature resolution 290 concerns public libraries and their practices related to newspaper digitization, standards in doing that, and issues with copyright laws.

Announcement for One Book One Nebraska coming in November.

OLD BUSINESS:

Change to Quarterly Board Meetings: Discussion was held and agreed to keep as is.

Attendance Policy for Board:

Allison moved to accept attendance policy as presented to become number 7 under article 7 in the WLS Bylaws. Seconded by Stephanie. Motion Carried.

Budget/Financial Documents: Discussion held on car maintenance.

Alert on possible card fraud, company is issuing new card.

2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget Approval:

Ruth moved to amend budget, seconded by Jill. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Maryruth, Kathy, Ruth, Jill, Carole, Michele, Roberta, Allison, Sara, Stephanie Nay: none. Motion Carried.

Refer to budget as amended, labeled as such.

NEW BUSINESS:

Change number of authorized check signatures:

Discussion held on changing from two signatures to one.

Decision made to leave as is with two signatures.

Designated signers include: Eric Green, Ruth Walker, Michele Parks, and Roberta Boyd; any two of the designated signers may sign.

Upcoming Events/ Announcements: A list of upcoming events was included in Eric's report.

Adjournment: 11:08 AM

The next WLS meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Railway Office Plaza board room in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Sara Brennemann
Secretary

“When faced with senseless drama, spiteful criticisms and misguided opinions, walking away is the best way to stand up for yourself. To respond with anger is an endorsement of their attitude.” -Dodinsky

November 17th, 2015

Western Library System

Dear Board Members:

Thank you for the scholarship I received to attend the 2015 NLA Conference in Lincoln, NE. I enjoyed this year's conference and attended some sessions that I thought were of great value and provided me with information that was beneficial to my new job and my new library.

The New Directors' Resource session provided me with a wealth of information in regards to my new job and responsibilities. My library is showing its age and lacks space and one of my wishes would be to create a new library. *From Dream to Reality - Getting a Construction Project Off the Ground, Running, and Serving the Public* provided good information from other libraries at different stages in the expansion and construction of their new libraries and how they were able to accomplish it. *Stretching the Book Budget with Binding* was interesting also provided info on how to have trade paperbacks hardbound to extend their service and still save money compared to hardbound purchases. The Central Nebraska Digital Co-Op presentation led to me demoing the Zinio digital magazine service for my library's board and getting their approval to join the consortium so we can offer a great digital resource to our customers.

I was also able to network, discuss issues and seek advice from my library peers that were in attendance. This ability to speak with a multitude of my peers is always of great value. Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Andrew "Sherm" Sherman
Director, Sidney Public Library

Things

What happened is, we grew lonely
living among the things,
so we gave the clock a face,
the chair a back,
the table four stout legs
which will never suffer fatigue.

We fitted our shoes with tongues
as smooth as our own
and hung tongues inside bells
so we could listen
to their emotional language,

and because we loved graceful profiles
the pitcher received a lip,
the bottle a long, slender neck.

Even what was beyond us
was recast in our image;
we gave the country a heart,
the storm an eye,
the cave a mouth
so we could pass into safety.

Lisel Mueller

**Wyoming Library Association - Mountain Plains and Library Association Conference
September 23-25 - *Little America*, Cheyenne**



Author and motivational speaker Scott Ginsberg “the name tag guy” (standing upper right side) entertains and promotes communication issues to participants at the conference. He holds the world record for wearing a name tag in the form of a permanent tattoo. The same presentation can be seen on the *You Tube* presented at a TED conference.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpTmBBPWQVk>



The conference also included a visit by Wyoming Author Craig Johnson of the *Longmire* books and TV series. Mr. Johnson received an award at the conference for his support for Wyoming Libraries.

Nov. 10, 2015

To: Western Library Systems

Fr: Deb Carlson, Children's Librarian, Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

Thank you to the WLS Board for the scholarship I received to attend the 2015

NLA/NSLA Conference in Lincoln NE. Several of the sessions I attended have been of immediate use at our library and all were interesting.

The Guerilla Storytime led by Rebecca McCorkindale of the Gretna Public Library was an opportunity for youth service librarians to problem solve, share ideas and resources and learn of new materials for preschool storytimes. I'm already using some of the online resources suggested in the session and am currently working on preparing a closing storytime ritual.

I attended three different sessions in which presenters gave brief book talks on titles that we will consider adding to our library collection. The presentations are so helpful in my selection process and many of the titles reviewed will be on my next book order.

One of the reasons I appreciate attending the conference is that I come away inspired and with a renewed passion for my profession and for what we are called to do. Sari Feldman, ALA President, provided the Friday keynote address on "Libraries Transforming Lives." She called us to embrace transition as an essential piece of the communities we serve. Libraries should be less about what we HAVE and more about what we DO for people. It is critical that libraries are seen as more than a place to go and look at books. We are called to transform and to demonstrate that we are not obsolete.

Finally, I thoroughly enjoyed hearing and meeting the two Golden Sower authors who presented at the Friday morning sessions. Jennifer Nielsen, whose book *False Prince* won the Golden Sower award in the intermediate division was delightful and I have shared her message and the book with some of our youth at the library. Alan Gratz's presentation was powerful as he discussed his young adult GS winner, *Prisoner B-3087*.

All in all, it was a wonderful conference. I would be happy to share my notes, materials and ideas with anyone who was unable to attend. Thanks again for the opportunity!

"Something lives only as long as the last person who remembers it. My people have come to trust memory over history. Memory, like fire, is radiant & immutable while history serves only those who seek to control it, those who douse the flame of memory in order to put out the dangerous fire of truth. Beware these men for they are dangerous & unwise. Their false history is written in the blood of those who might remember & seek the truth."

Floyd 'Red Crow' Westerman



Little America

Nebraska Writer's Novel Chosen for 2016 One Book One Nebraska

Karen Gettert Shoemaker's *The Meaning of Names*, a Nebraska-set novel with a World War I backdrop, is Nebraska's reading choice for the 2016 One Book One Nebraska statewide reading program. *The Meaning of Names* follows a German-American woman trying to raise a family in the heartland and keep them safe from the effects of war and the influenza panic, as well as from violence and prejudice.

The One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, is entering its twelfth year. It encourages Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss one book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. A committee of the Nebraska Center for the Book selected this book from a list of twenty-seven titles nominated by Nebraskans from across the state. The book was published in 2014 and was announced as the 2016 selection at the Celebration of Nebraska Books on November 14 in Lincoln.

Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities will be available after January 1, 2016 at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>. Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

One Book One Nebraska is sponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, and Nebraska Library Commission. The Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at the Nebraska Library Commission and brings together the state's readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators, and scholars to build the community of the book, supporting programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the written word. The Nebraska Center for the Book is supported by the Nebraska Library Commission.

As the state library agency, the Nebraska Library Commission is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services, bringing together people and information.

The most up-to-date news releases from the Nebraska Library Commission are always available on the Library Commission Website, <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/publications/newsreleases>.

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“ But when from a long-distant past nothing subsists, after the people are dead, after the things are broken and scattered, taste and smell alone, more fragile but more enduring, more unsubstantial, more persistent, more faithful, remain poised a long time, like souls, remembering, waiting, hoping, amid the ruins of all the rest; and bear unflinchingly, in the tiny and almost impalpable drop of their essence, the vast structure of recollection. ”

Marcel Proust



Cheyenne Wyoming

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Upcoming Event

Public Library Association PLA 2016 Conference April 5-9, 2016 • Denver •

*Also see NLC Calendar — <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>

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