

**Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. January 9, 2009**  
**Superior Public Library 449 North Kansas Superior NE 68978**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tony Anderson, Pat Bonge, Vicki Casper, Suzann Christensen, Laura Cundiff, Judy Grandstaff, Patty Hall, Jane Hilton, Terri Johnson, Nancy Sherwood

**ABSENT:** Beth Falla, Sylvia Person

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sherry Houston (System Director), Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission), Peggy Lipker (Superior Public Library), Vicki Perrie (Superior Public Library)

**PRIOR TO MEETING:** The board wishes to thank Vicki Perrie and the Superior Public Library for hosting the meeting and providing wonderful refreshments (sour cream applesauce coffeecake). Discussion was held regarding the caravan of vehicles into Superior, which Richard Miller termed semi-sexist girl talk.

**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL:** President Judy Grandstaff called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. It was determined that Richard Miller is no longer a guest but rather an "old shoe" (again, his words). Roll call was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the November 7, 2008 meeting will stand approved as read.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Updated financial reports were distributed and explained. We are in great shape financially at this point. Sherry plans to purchase additional audio books. The financial reports were filed for audit.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you messages were shared with the group.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** *[A detailed copy of the administrator's report is in each board member's packet.]* Sherry completed and filed the 471 form. She is continuing to update the RVLS web site and is working on adding study questions to each of the book sets.

[At this point, Vicki Perrie shared lunch options with the group and asked them to make a decision. This turned into a rather drawn-out, yet entertaining, process, with Vicki making multiple phone calls to the restaurant and asking board members to revise their choices.]

Sherry took the InFocus data projector to Business Media, a certified repair center in Lincoln. They think the problem is a corroded power supply and repair costs will be \$150 - \$250. Sherry will have it repaired.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Online (Open Source) Catalog:** Lincoln Public Library is spearheading and will house records for the Open Source pilot project. Participating libraries are Lincoln, Omaha, Gretna, Nebraska City, Grand Island, Holdrege and St. Paul. Lincoln and Omaha Public Libraries' holdings will be put online so other libraries' holdings can be attached. Pros and cons of Open Source were shared. Discussion was also held regarding Follett and its focus on public schools.

**Library Legislative Day:** Flyers were distributed and information was shared. RVLS will again pay for our districts' senators' lunches. READ posters with senators' pictures are taken at the event. Judy encouraged libraries to submit volunteers' names for recognition.

**New One Book for NE Youth and One Book One State:** Selections are **Green Glass Sea** by Ellen Klages and **Lantern in Her Hand** by Bess Streeter Aldrich. RVLS has a book set with 15 copies of **Green Glass Sea** and NLC's web site has related activities posted. The six library systems are compiling a list of book sets so that any library may borrow them. Systems will pay postage to ship the sets and borrowing libraries will pay to return them. Judy led a discussion regarding School Library Journal's article entitled "Has the Newbery Lost Its Way?"

**RVLS Committee Assignments:** Sylvia Person will replace Jane Hilton on Planning/Executive/Budget Committee. Beth Falla will replace Patty Hall on Continuing Education/Scholarships/Grants Committee.

**Report from Scholarship Committee:** Terri Johnson explained the guidelines under which the committee operates. An applicant may apply for a maximum of \$100 per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) and if limits are necessary, one applicant per library will be allowed. To date, limiting has not been necessary. Board members and trustees are encouraged to apply. Promotion for scholarships is done via e-mails, newsletters, and word of mouth. 2009 NLA/NEMA will be held at the Embassy Suites in LaVista, which will be a good opportunity for scholarship application.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Workshops/locations and dates** *[Completed flyers for each of the workshops will be included in the newsletter]*

**Summer Reading:** The workshop will be held March 13 in Elwood at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. A rough draft flyer was distributed. Laura Cundiff shared a Be Creative book kit, which contains written ideas, games, music, books, a DVD, craft ideas and activity books.

**Computer Workshops:** Flyers were shared for Scott Childers's Technology Workshop on January 16 and for Michael Sauers's Computer Workshops on May 5 – 8. Discussion was held about the difficulty of the web-training workshop. Richard will share that information with Michael. We asked about the possibility of a future Plinkit workshop.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting will be held north of Minden at Burchell's White Hill Farmhouse Inn on June 5 (maps will be provided for those who are directionally challenged). In addition to our board meeting and annual meeting, a Nebraska Humanities Council speaker will provide a biographical talk about Bess Streeter Aldrich.

**Conventions:** A flyer was shared highlighting the bus trip to ALA/Chicago from June 9 - 14. Sherry will fax in all requests on January 15 so that bus riders (hopefully) will be housed in the same hotel. MPLA will be held in Wichita on April 1 – 3. Sherry will drive the system vehicle and would love some passengers to accompany her. One of the featured speakers is Will Manley. The Leadership Institute will be held July 20 – 24 at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler.

**BookPage Subscriptions:** RVLS ordered 100 copies. Sherry and Kay has worked out postage costs/delivery details with participating libraries.

### Report from NLC Quarterly Meeting (Sherry Houston)

**College of DuPage:** Buffering problems are causing the live feed quality to be poor in some locations. Libraries may wish to borrow DVDs of the feeds and watch them that way. Any CE forms must be turned in within 90 days.

**April Basic Skills Classes:** The topics will be public service and reference.

**OCLC:** Due to changes in OCLC's network structure, NEBASE support, billing and training activities will conclude June 30, 2009. There should be no disruption of service from OCLC.

**Bibliostat Presentation:** John Felton and Kathryn Brockmeier presented information about Bibliostat. Submissions are due by March 31. *[Two libraries represented at the board meeting have already submitted their information. These persons received boos and catcalls from other board members.]* Richard explained how the Commission uses the statistics. Statistical stories were shared (I **think** in jest) causing Richard to exclaim, "I don't want to hear this stuff!"

**NLC Representative Report:** Richard highlighted portions of his buff colored handout. *[Thank you, Richard, for sharing!]* Topics included on the handout: Nebraska Learns 2.0, **A Lantern In Her Hand**, Central Community College and the LTA Program, Youth Grants for Excellence, New Cataloger at the Commission, New Special Projects Associate/Research Analyst, Library Improvement Grants, NCompass Live, What's Up Doc?, Gates Grants, One Book for Nebraska Kids, Video List Updated, Nebraska State Historical Society Renovation, Books Honored by Nebraska Center for the Book, and NLA Legislative Day – Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

Richard has assumed additional job responsibilities and was complimented by board members for exceptional customer service.

### Miscellaneous

RVLS tote bags

DVD collection discussion/Judy (<http://www.oldies.com>)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next meeting will be held Friday, March 6, 2009, at the Butler Memorial Library in Cambridge.

Meeting adjourned, 11:59 a.m.

Suzann Christensen, Recording Secretary