



Paraprofessionals are the key @ your library®

Message from the Paraprofessional Chair

Paraprofessionals are KEY! The Paras have added so much to our library community through our yearly Spring Meeting (Collaboration Across Libraries), sessions at the Fall Conference (NINE this year!), plus postings to Facebook and our blog. I am deeply appreciative for the fabulous women with whom I have worked with this year on the Para Board. They share the passion and commitment to the library world with a splendid sense of humor and dedication. I would like to thank Jennifer Wrampe, Terri Johnson, Janet Greser, Martha Grenzeback, Angela Kroeger, and Chrystal Dawson for making this a memorable year for me as the Chair of the Paraprofessionals.

As I pass on the gavel to Chrystal, I am giving you all fair notice that I will be the past-Chair -- meaning that I am in charge of recruiting new members to serve in various ways. Please consider participating because it is great experience and it benefits our library community. I realize that it is becoming more challenging today to attend meetings and contribute. However, we make good use of technology by having distance meetings when members can't attend the physical location.

In the meantime, keep in mind that the Fall Conference is only a few short weeks away. Please stop by our Para table and participate in the Scavenger Hunt. I look forward to seeing you at our Para luncheon and business meeting.

Marguerite Miller
Paraprofessional Chair

2011 NLA/NEMA Fall Conference

The 2011 NLA/NEMA Conference will be held October 5-7 in Lincoln.

Para's Pre-Conference: [Keeping the Bricks & Mortar in Shape to Keep the Books on the Shelf](#)

Keeping the Bricks & Mortar in Shape to Keep the Books on the Shelf

Facilitator: Francine Canfield

Panelists: Randy Herrick and Dave
Miller with Stroh Service

David A. Hawes and
Nancy Novak with
Leo A Daly Architects,
NLA exhibitors

Time: Wednesday, October 5,
1:00 to 4:00 pm

No charge

Refreshments provided by **stroh service**



Register for this unique session to learn about facilities management from experts and discover ways to manage your building more efficiently and systematically! Q & A designed for your questions!

In an interactive session, Dave Miller and Randy Herrick from Stroh Service will talk about heating and cooling systems and how to budget for repairs and maintenance costs, how to identify energy waste and then identify low cost/no cost solutions for reducing energy use and how to plan for equipment replacement.

Randy and Dave will show the Energy Star Report on a public library.

After Q & A and a break, David Hawes and Nancy Novak, from Leo A Daly a national library design firm, will talk about the selection of the interior finishes and furnishings (lighting, fixtures, wall treatments, and flooring) and of the exterior components (brick, glass, and roofing) to increase the life cycle and efficiency of your building. David and Nancy will also demonstrate solutions to current building maintenance issues.

Your questions will complete the program.

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2011 NLA/NEMA Fall Conference Cont'd

The Para's are sponsoring 9 sessions this year:

One Book, One Nebraska and More:

Thursday 9:00-9:50am Sally Snyder & Kathryn Brockmeier

Dream Big: Summer Reading Program 2012:

Thursday 2:30-3:20pm Sally Snyder

The Triple Threat of Community Connections:

Thursday 3:30-4:20pm Nancy Chmiel, Deb Vinopal, & Sara Kolala

Cultivating Nebraska Librarians: Meet the Interns and Scholarship Recipients:

Thursday 4:30-5:20pm Mary Jo Ryan & Kathryn Brockmeier

The Library Connection: Collaborative Efforts of a Joint Facility

Friday 8:00-8:50am Norma Pountney, Rose Barcal, & Rachel Steiner

The Basics of Flickr and Its Possibilities at the Library:

Friday 9:00-9:50am Scott Clark

Libguides @ Your Library: Create Web Content without Tears

Friday 10:00-10:50am Martha Grenzeback & Marguerite Miller

Para Luncheon & General Meeting

Friday Noon-1:30pm

Best New Youth books of 2011:

Friday 3:00-3:50pm Sally Snyder

There are 3 other Pre-Conferences & Many more sessions to choose from – check it out:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/annualconference/>

Para Fall Raffle Basket & Scavenger Hunt

This year we'll be doing another **Nebraska Basket** (lots of good Nebraska products), and if you work the Para Table (see below) you'll have extra time to get up close & personal to see what's inside. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Did you say **Scavenger Hunt**?

Well, this year you'll be hunting for seeds – does that sound like TOO small of an item - well you know we never make things too hard just LOTS of fun.

So pick up your Bingo Card and start checking off flowers, plants, fruits and vegetables.

You'll see when you get to conference ☺

You Are Needed at Fall Conference!

Calling all Para's!

The Para Executive Board would like your help in staffing the Para Table during the conference. Below is the link to the schedule. There would always be a board member at the table along with anyone new. Email Janet if you wish to help out: janet.greser@nebraska.gov.

<http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/Comp.old/para/paratableatnla.htm>

2011-2012 Paraprofessional of the Year

The Paraprofessional of the Year Award winner is Nancy Meyer.

Nancy is the Eastern Library System Assistant. She has worked for ELS for 20 years and has previously been a member of the Paraprofessional Executive Board for several years, serving as the Spring Program Chair for 2 years and as secretary for 2 years. She has also served on the NLA Publicity Committee. She was nominated by Janet Greser.

Nancy keeps the ELS website updated and publishes the ELS newsletter, Eastern Express. She has been instrumental in obtaining grants to be used at the Eastern Library System for many projects aiding libraries in that system and beyond. Nancy has also been a vital part of CLICK and the Summer Reading Programs that assist librarians in her area provide services to their communities.

Nancy does a lot of NLA volunteer work, assisting Kathy Tooker (ELS System Administrator) while she was President of NLA and Chair of the Legislative Committee. These are just a few of the many things Nancy does for ELS.

Nancy will receive a one-year paid membership to NLA in the Paraprofessional section and a cash gift. A certificate will be awarded at the NLA/NEMA Fall Conference Paraprofessional section luncheon.

Jennifer Wrampe
Paraprofessional Section Citations/Publicity Chair

Paras Website, Facebook, Blog, and Flickr URL's

The Para Executive Board welcomes you to “check us out” on the web:

Website:

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/NLA-Paraprofessional-Section/321084295994>

Blog

<http://nla-paraprofessionals.blogspot.com/>

Flickr:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/nlaparas/>

Para Scholarship Winners

Legislative Day - \$15 each

Marguerite Miller, OPL

Gayle Roberts, Blair PL

Para Spring Meeting

None

NLA Fall Conference - \$50 each

Nancy Meyer - Eastern Library System

Jennifer Sorensen – Bellevue Univ.

Nancy Black – Fremont, Keene Memorial Library

You too can win a Para Scholarship. Watch the NLA Memberclicks Mailing List for emails on these Para Benefits!

Past Para Scholarship Winners:

http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/parahistory.html#Past_Para_Scholarships_Recipients

2012 Para Spring General Meeting

Save the Date for the Paraprofessional Spring Meeting!

March 29, 2012

Minutes from the Paraprofessional 2011 Spring General Meeting

Editorial Note: We put the minutes up on the Para Website so I decided to just link to them.

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/minutes/minutesspring2011.pdf>

Report from the Paraprofessional 2011 Spring General Meeting

Another Spring Meeting successfully concluded! We embodied our theme, Collaboration across Libraries, by inviting the Special & Institutional Section to co-sponsor with us, and we had an excellent turnout: a total of 52 registrants in 12 locations. Besides our group viewings in Lincoln, Omaha, and Norfolk, people were signed up to watch in Beatrice, Bellevue, DeWitt, Fairbury, Imperial, Maywood, North Platte, Papillion, Sidney, and South Sioux City! Our speakers, Devra Dragos, Mary Stultz, Maureen O'Riordan, Nancy Chmiel, and Deb Vinopal, all did a great job, and so far feedback has been positive.

Martha Grenzeback, Chair Para Spring Meeting

KEYNOTE FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS

Semiannual newsletter of the Nebraska Library Association Paraprofessional Section.
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