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**NEBRASKA-MIZZOU
LIBRARY SCIENCE
STUDENT NEWS**

NEMO NEWS

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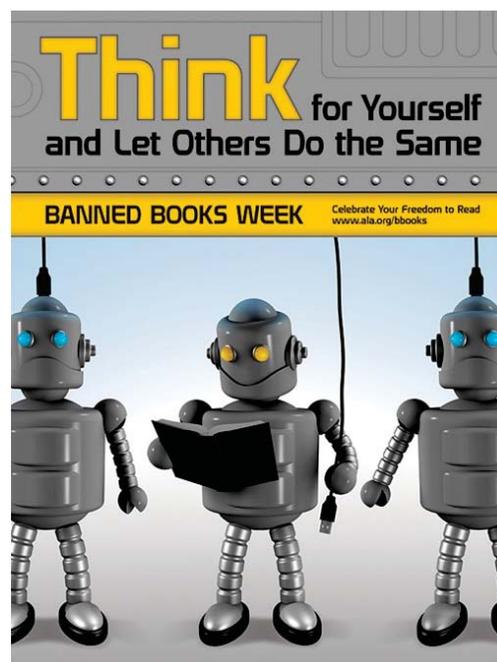
BANNED BOOKS WEEK SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 2

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the U.S.

Intellectual freedom—the freedom to access information and express ideas, even if the information and ideas might be considered unorthodox or unpopular—provides the foundation for Banned Books Week. BBW stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints for all who wish to read and access them.

The books featured during Banned Books Week have been targets of attempted bannings. Fortunately, while some books were banned or restricted, in a majority of cases the books were not banned, all thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, booksellers, and members of the community to retain the books in the library collections. Imagine how many more books might be challenged—and possibly banned or restricted—if librarians, teachers, and booksellers across the country did not use Banned Books Week each year to teach the importance of our First Amendment rights and the power of literature, and to draw attention to the danger that exists when restraints are imposed on the availability of information in a free society.

For more information on Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read, please see [Calendar of Events](#) and [Ideas and Resources](#). You can also contact the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4220, or bbw@ala.org



NLA/NEMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The NLA/NEMA Annual Conference will be held in Grand Island October 13-15. NLA and NEMA are two statewide library groups which advocate for library programs and provide lifelong learning for library professionals.

Pre-conference sessions are scheduled for Wednesday followed by a variety of conference sessions, round-tables, and seminars and keynote speeches by Freedom Writers Maria Reyes and Sharaud Moore on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday night is an evening at the Grand Island Public Library with international ecologist, composer and concert pianist Dr. Karine Gil, and Thursday night is a Game Night sponsored by ITART and the Nebraska Library Commission. Conference sessions include "Booktalks with a Bang," "Art of the Caldecott," "All About E-Readers," "Design Crash Course,"

"Is This Censorship?" and many, many more.

Hurry up! Registration ends on October 1. For registration forms and more information, go to <http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2010/>. For further questions, please contact the Executive Director:

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This is a wonderful opportunity for learning, networking, and participating in the growth of Nebraska libraries.

IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

Registration

Registration for Spring 2011 classes begins October 27. Consult your Plan of Study and course schedules.

Classes fill quickly on a first-come, first-served basis.

Be ready to register on your assigned date and time! Visit http://mudirect.missouri.edu/_catalog to complete your registration.

Graduation Ceremony

– University of Missouri Hearnes Center
Friday, December 17, 2010 8 PM

If you are graduating in Fall 2010 and planning to attend the ceremony in Columbia, you need to be making your travel arrangements immediately as hotels are filling NOW!

If there aren't rooms available in Columbia, there are also hotels in Boonville, Jefferson City, and Moberly.

School of Information Science and Learning Technologies Reception

Friday, December 17, 2010, 3-4 PM.

SISLT has its own ceremony earlier in the afternoon in Townsend Hall.

Missouri SISLT Fall Comprehensive Exam

Fall 2010 comps will take place from October 23-31.

8 KEYS TO NETWORKING

By Tom Denham (Full article on uniontimes.com)

1. Be Prepared.

First, define what information you need and your core goals for networking. Remember, your purpose is to get to know people who can provide information regarding careers and leads. Other benefits include increased visibility within your field, propelling your professional development, finding suitable mentors, increasing your chances of promotion and perhaps finding your next job. Second, know yourself, your education, experience and skills. Practice a concise, one-minute presentation of yourself. Your networking meeting should include the following elements: introduction, self-overview, Q&A, obtaining referrals and closing.

2. Be Targeted.

Identify your network. You may be saying, "I don't have much of a network. I really don't know anyone." You can start by listing everyone you know who are potential prospects: family members, friends, faculty, neighbors, classmates, alumni, bosses, co-workers, Facebook friends and community associates. Attend meetings of organizations in your field of interest and get involved. You never know where you are going to meet someone who can give you a lead.

3. Be Professional.

Ask your networking prospects for advice, not for a job. Your networking meetings should be a source of career information, advice and contacts. Start off the encounter with a firm handshake, eye contact and a warm smile. Focus on asking for one thing at a time. Your contacts expect you to represent yourself with your best foot forward.

4. Be Patient.

Heena Noorani, Research Analyst with New York-based Thomson Financial, recommends avoiding

the feeling of discouragement if networking does not produce instant results. She advises, "Be prepared for a slow down after you get started. Stay politely persistent with your leads and build momentum. Networking is like gardening: You do not plant the seed, then quickly harvest. Networking requires cultivation that takes time and effort for the process to pay off."

5. Be Focused on Quality, Not Quantity.

In a large group setting, circulate and meet people, but don't try to talk to everyone. It's better to have a few meaningful conversations than 50 hasty introductions. Don't cling to people you already know; you're unlikely to build new contacts that way. If you are at a reception, wear a nametag and collect or exchange business cards so you can follow-up.

6. Be Referral-Centered.

The person you are networking with may not have a job opening, but he or she may know someone who is hiring. The key is to exchange information and then expand your network by obtaining additional referrals each time you meet someone new. Be sure to mention the person who referred you.

7. Be Proactive.

Stay organized. Keep a list of your contacts and update it frequently with the names of any leads given to you. Send thank you notes or e-mails. Ask if you can follow-up the conversation with a phone call, or even better, with a more in-depth meeting in the near future.

8. Be Dedicated to Networking.

Most importantly, networking should be ongoing. You will want to stay in touch with contacts over the long haul, not just when you need something. Make networking part of your long-term career plan.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUCCESSFUL COLLEAGUES

Martha Grenzeback-Harnik was promoted from Library Specialist to Librarian I at Omaha Public Library.

Karl Wirth has been promoted from Library Aide to Library Specialist at Omaha Public Library.

Jacque Shuster has been promoted from Library Aide to Library Specialist at Omaha Public Library.

If you have been promoted or changed jobs recently, please let us know! E-mail Karen Pietsch at nemogradassistant@gmail.com.



Library Students Andrew Burdic (left) and Andrew Bouska wait for their first Reference class to begin.

STUDENT RESOURCES

Graduate School

[http://
education.missouri.edu/
SISLT/LIS/](http://education.missouri.edu/SISLT/LIS/)

Academic Calendar

[http://
registrar.missouri.edu/
dates-deadlines.php](http://registrar.missouri.edu/dates-deadlines.php)

Graduate Record Exam

<http://www.ets.org/gre>

Transcript Request Procedures

[http://
registrar.missouri.edu/
grades-transcripts-
records/request-
transcript.php](http://registrar.missouri.edu/grades-transcripts-records/request-transcript.php)

MU Direct

[http://
mudirect.missouri.edu/
index.shtm](http://mudirect.missouri.edu/index.shtm)

Course Schedule

[http://
sisltsched-
ule.missouri.edu/](http://sisltsched-ule.missouri.edu/)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: AIMEE OWEN

What is your education/library/professional background?

I moved to Omaha in 1998 to get my bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems (MIS) at UNO's Peter Kiewit Institute. After a three-summer internship with Lockheed Martin, I took a position with Northrop Grumman (then TRW). I have been working as a defense contractor at Offutt AFB, first at USSTRATCOM and more recently at the Air Force Weather Agency. I obtained my master's degree in MIS in 2005.

I became intrigued with the idea of working in a library in mid-2008, and after a chat with Dr. Pasco, decided to take the plunge and get my MLS through Mizzou. I told my mother this plan; her reaction was "Duh, I told you 15 years ago that you should become a librarian." I guess Mom always knows best!

My actual library work experience has been mainly volunteer in nature - I volunteer at both the Omaha Public Library and at Joslyn Art Museum's Abraham Library. This summer I completed my practicum at Offutt's Thomas S. Power Library - it was a fabulous experience and I loved every minute of it!

What is on your reading list? What are your favorites/your recommended/your want to read lists?

My most referenced book this summer has been "What to Expect When You're Expecting" - my husband and I are awaiting the arrival of our first child this fall. Otherwise, I read a mix of fiction and nonfiction. I am currently reading "The Disappearing Spoon," an entertaining history of the periodic table (yes, really), and recently finished "The Girl Who Played With Fire," just in time to see the film version. With a baby boy on the way, I think my future reading list is going to be mainly comprised of "Peter Rabbit" and "Where the Wild Things Are"...

What professional journal or article have you read and would recommend? Why?

With school starting back up, its back to the textbooks and journal articles, but I also try to

follow several librarian blogs and professional publications. I think it's important to stay abreast of what's going on in our field so that I can participate in class discussions, even without a lot of professional library experience under my belt.

Name one of your personal or professional qualities that make you, or will make you, a leader in 21st century library and information centers.

Just one? Seriously, though, I like to think that I have that natural librarian curiosity - I love to learn and help other people reach their "aha!" moment when they find what they are looking for. Couple that with my I.T. background and I think I've got a good mix of people and technical skills to build on in this new century!

What idea / experience / topic / speaker in your library science education journey has impacted your practice or thinking?

As I said above, I just finished my practice at the Thomas S. Power Library at Offutt AFB. This experience really cemented in my mind the fact that I want to be a librarian "when I grow up." I could really see the impact that the staff there had on the patrons and the local military community.

What advice do you have for your fellow graduate students?

Build on your professional network however you can! Volunteer, get involved in professional organizations, and expand your horizons. I'm sure it's been said a thousand times before, but get to know your fellow classmates and your professors - we're part of a great community here and you can only stand to benefit from their experiences and knowledge.

What deep dark secret would you like to share?

I just read Jane Austen for the first time this summer. I won't even go into how many classics I haven't read...(hanging head in shame).

Any Last Words?

With many apologies to the Tiger and Mav fans out there... Go Huskers!



Ideal Bookshelf by Jane Mount

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There is funding available for students pursuing library studies. Please take advantage of these opportunities. These scholarships are waiting to be snapped up by deserving students like you. Please make the decision to apply. Your educational journey is worthwhile, but it's not free. Let NLC, NLA, and NEMA help!

For Nebraska Library Association Scholarships, visit:
<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/scholarship.htm>

For Nebraska Educational Media Association Scholarships, visit:
<http://www.schoolibrariesrock.org/scholarships.html>
for more information.

For Nebraska Library Commission Scholarships, visit:
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nowhiring/Scholarships.asp>

DON'T FORGET MIZZOU!

As Missouri students you are eligible to fill out the Missouri Application for Graduate Scholarships. By submitting a completed Application for Graduate Scholarships, you will be considered for over 100 scholarships available through the University of Missouri College of Education.

The 2011-2012 application will be available to download on November 1, 2010, and completed applications are due March 1, 2011. This is a great opportunity to fund your education, so don't miss out!

For more information and to download the application form, visit:
http://education.missouri.edu/academics/financial_aid/scholarships-graduate.php.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

It's important for all of our students to keep up with the current library job postings. You never know when your "perfect" job might come along. We regularly send out an email with the current postings. Please read these! Even if you're not looking for a job, you may see something that you want to pass on to a classmate or colleague. In addition to reading these emails, take the initiative to check the website periodically. We only send out Nebraska postings, but you can view regional postings by accessing the website.

Visit: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nowhiring/jobsandcareers.asp> and check out who is looking to hire in Nebraska and in other states as well. Directions: Once you access this link, select "view by location", pick your state and then hit "GO". This site provides access to postings in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.