



## Nebraska Library Commission Centennial Celebration

**N**ebaska Library Commission celebrated our 100th Anniversary in 2001. In honor of the Centennial, we launched a Centennial Web site, *Libraries for the Centuries*. The site includes historical photos, documents, and a timeline.

Maggie Harding worked with the Commission for more than a year to organize the Commission archives, record oral histories from current and former Commission staff, and write the Web text. In February, the celebration began with a proclamation by Governor Mike Johanns congratulating and recognizing the Nebraska Library Commission for its one hundred years of service to the State of Nebraska. Sen. DiAnna Schimek introduced a resolution in the Nebraska Unicameral commemorating the Library Commission Centennial. A major component of the Libraries for the Centuries initiative was the Centennial Speaker Series, including the following presentations:

Charley Seavey, Associate Professor, School of Information Science and Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri-Columbia, on **Growth**

of the Public Library in Nebraska, part of a book-length work about the public library in the United States. This presentation was featured as part of a reception and dinner highlighting the annual joint meeting of the Nebraska Library Commission and the State Advisory Council on Libraries.

Wayne Wiegand, Professor, School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Co-Director, Center for the History of Print Culture in Modern America, on **The Small Public Library as Place: A Closer Look**. This address combined his historical research about the small public library in the rural Midwest with his article on the social nature and act of reading, "Librarians Ignore the Value of Stories," from the October 27, 2000 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and with his current research on the concept of the library as public space.

Jim Carmichael, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Studies at the School of Education, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, on **Miss Bullock, Miss Templeton, and the Nebraska Library Commission**. This presentation was part of a daylong event at the Commission offices



**Rod Wagner, Library Commission Director, accepts a commemorative window from Sally Payne, Nebraska Library Association President, at the Nebraska Library Commission Centennial event, celebrating November 11, 1901, the date that the first office opened in the basement of the Capitol building.**

in Lincoln celebrating November 11, 1901, the date that the first office opened in the basement of the Capitol building. An Open House, a luncheon, and other activities were planned around this presentation that helped us get in touch with the roots of our past, the librarians who led the way for the successes that we enjoy today.

For more information, see the Library Commission home page at <[www.nlc.state.ne.us](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)>, click on the Centennial button. ▲

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## From the Director...

There is a saying that the more things change the more things stay the same. I'm sure there is a lot of truth in that statement. While this statement is usually intended as a negative, it can also be viewed as positive. Looking back over the past few months it is difficult to comprehend the dramatic changes that have taken place. Yet, many things do remain the same. What should not change are those enduring core qualities that contribute to healthy and productive lives. Libraries are among the core institutions that contribute to the quality of life and to the positive advancement of our neighborhoods, communities, state, and nation.

What is fundamental is often overlooked. As Library Commission staff began visiting public libraries in early 2001, as part of the **Making a difference @ your library™** project, we soon affirmed what community representatives saw as important and desired both now and in coming years. In the library visits that I have participated in, the traditional services that libraries offer are mentioned early in the conversation as necessary and important. As the conversations continue those basic services expand to include other facets of library service that are desired and valued: the library as a place for personal reading, study, research, and community programs. There is also the value of the library as an information source and service for remote access using the online information resources that libraries can provide. What hasn't changed is that libraries continue to be used for the services they have always provided.

Many libraries have changed in that they have embraced technology and have enabled people to connect with worldwide information resources through library-provided computers, telecommunications, and online information resources. There is an emphasis on providing a place for children to discover and learn, and to develop reading and information literacy skills. There is an emphasis on providing the tools needed for job, business, and educational information needs. There is an emphasis on providing information that is current, relevant, and accurate.

The ideas articulated by people who have participated in the **Making a Difference** library visits are lengthy and imaginative. They provide a sampling of what people expect and want from libraries. As such, they point to library services that are valued and should be sustained and improved, and they point to services that are now imagined and desired. ▲

Rod Wagner

## Funding/Grants FY 2001

### Grants Funded FY 2001

Center for the Book . . . . .	\$ 7,500.00
Children's Grants for Excellence . . . . .	20,550.00
CHIRS (Consumer Health Information Resource Service) . . . . .	1,911.00
Interlibrary Loan (Lender Compensation) . . . . .	159,255.00
Institutional Library Grant . . . . .	3,986.12
Library Systems . . . . .	656,861.00
LSTA Grants . . . . .	280,597.00
Motion Picture Licensing for Public Libraries . . . . .	16,384.00
Nebraska Library Association . . . . .	6,354.00
Public Library Const & Tech (Title II) . . . . .	31,500.00
State Aid to Public Libraries . . . . .	397,038.00

### Libraries for the 21st Century Grants

Bibliostat™ (software and training) . . . . .	34,020.43
OCLC CatExpress Libraries . . . . .	7,256.50
Online Databases . . . . .	322,908.87
Sponsorship of statewide conferences . . . . .	7,472.98
Training and Continuing Education Grants . . . . .	56,777.00

**Total Grants . . . . . \$2,010,371.90**

### Funding FY 2001

State Funds . . . . .	\$ 3,647,519.00
Federal Funds . . . . .	1,036,264.00
Cash Funds . . . . .	63,499.00

**Total Funding . . . . . \$4,747,282.00**

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## Children's Services Grants Awarded for FY 2001

The Library Commission awarded \$21,210 in grants for Excellence in Children's Library Services in Spring 2001. These grants for innovative projects for children in public libraries help achieve the goals of the Libraries of Promise Campaign. For more information, see the Commission home page, <[www.nlc.state.ne.us](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)>, search on Grants for Excellence. Grant recipients were:

- ▲ Atkinson Public Library
- ▲ Beatrice Public Library
- ▲ Central City Public Library
- ▲ Chadron Public Library
- ▲ Emerson Public Library
- ▲ Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library, Falls City
- ▲ Kearney Public Library and Information Center
- ▲ Plattsmouth Public Library
- ▲ Seward Public Library
- ▲ Wayne Public Library
- ▲ Wymore Public Library ▲

## Outreach Handbook Available

A Talking Book and Braille Service Outreach Handbook was circulated to librarians and other advocates for Nebraskans with visual or physical impairment. The Outreach Handbook presents a basic overview of the Talking Book and Braille Service, as well as an explanation of eligibility and application process. It serves as a guide for presentations in classes or meetings and as a reference to use when a person in the community experiences sight loss, stroke, or some other impairment that limits their ability to use regular print materials. To order the handbook contact the Commission, 402-471-2045, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <[mgeibel@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:mgeibel@nlc.state.ne.us)>. For the Web version see <[www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/outreachbook.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/outreachbook.html)>. ▲

## Commission Team Honored

The Library Commission's Data Trek Replacement Team was among nine work teams nominated for the Nebraska State Government Chapter of the National Management Association's annual Team of the Year award. The team received a certificate of recognition during the EXPO Awards Ceremony at the State Capitol. ▲

## Children's Resource Page Developed

The Library Commission collected electronic resources with special appeal for children, children's librarians, and parents into a special section of the Library Commission home page. See <[www.nlc.state.ne.us](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)>; search on Children's Resource Page. ▲

## Staff FY 2001

### Arrivals:

- ▲ Jodene Glaesemann, hired 7/5/00, Administrative Assistant I
- ▲ Christa Burns, hired 12/1/00, NEBASE Services Coordinator
- ▲ David Eckmann, hired 11/1/00, Office Clerk III
- ▲ Cherie Longmuir, hired 2/12/01, Readers Advisor, Senior
- ▲ Jennifer Wrampe, hired 3/12/01, Staff Assistant I
- ▲ Annette Hall, hired 7/1/00, Staff Assistant II

### Departures:

- ▲ Kimberly Shelley, left 7/12/00
- ▲ Jo Budler, left 8/4/00
- ▲ Renee Ryan, left 8/4/00
- ▲ Ellen Van Waart, left 11/30/00
- ▲ Clarice Schmidt, left 1/31/01

### Reclassification:

- ▲ Diane Wells, Technology Infrastructure Support Technician
- ▲ Pam Scott, Continuing Education Coordinator
- ▲ Kit Keller, Senior Librarian

- ▲ Dan Hogan, Office Clerk III
- ▲ Kathy Dukes, Office Clerk III
- ▲ Diana Dreith, Office Clerk III
- ▲ Bruce Oorlog, Mail/Material Worker

## Employee of the Year FY 2001

Jeannette Powell was selected as the Library Commission's 2000 Employee of the Year. ▲

## Technology Grants Awarded for FY 2001

The Nebraska Library Commission awarded \$286,999 in Library Technology Grants in Spring 2001 to Nebraska libraries to improve public access to electronic information. Grants are funded through federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, allocated by Congress and made available through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as well as State of Nebraska funds allocated by the Legislature for library technology. Grants are awarded annually by the Commission according to the long-range plan, *Libraries for the 21st Century*. For more information see the Commission home page at <[www.nlc.state.ne.us](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)>, search on LSTA Grant Recipients. Grant recipients were:

### LSTA Grants Awarded to Public Libraries

- ▲ Hoesch Memorial Library, Alma
- ▲ Atkinson Public Library
- ▲ Auburn Public Library
- ▲ Battle Creek Public Library
- ▲ Karlen Memorial Library, Beemer
- ▲ Nigel Sprouse Memorial Library, Callaway
- ▲ Central City Public Library
- ▲ Chadron Public Library
- ▲ Clay Center Public Library
- ▲ Columbus Public Library
- ▲ Hruska Memorial Public Library, David City
- ▲ Fairbury Public Library
- ▲ Fairfield Public Library
- ▲ Fairmont Public Library
- ▲ Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library, Falls City

- ▲ Gibbon Public Library
- ▲ Hartington Public Library
- ▲ Hebron Secrest Library
- ▲ Imperial Public Library
- ▲ Leigh Public Library
- ▲ Lexington Public Library
- ▲ Lincoln City Libraries
- ▲ Meadow Grove Public Library
- ▲ Newman Grove Public Library
- ▲ North Platte Public Library
- ▲ Ord Township Library
- ▲ C.B. Preston Memorial Library, Orleans
- ▲ Pawnee City Public Library
- ▲ Plattsmouth Public Library
- ▲ Seward Public Library
- ▲ Shelby Public Library
- ▲ Stanton Public Library
- ▲ Syracuse Public Library
- ▲ Struckman-Baatz Public Library, Western

### Grants Awarded to Other Libraries

- ▲ Beatrice State Developmental Center
- ▲ Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center, Kearney
- ▲ Lincoln Correctional Center
- ▲ Nebraska Health and Human Services System Library Technology Consortium

### Grants Awarded with State Funds

- ▲ Southeast Library System
- ▲ John Rogers Memorial Library, Dodge
- ▲ Kearney Public Library and Information Center
- ▲ Lincoln City Libraries
- ▲ Neligh Public Library
- ▲ Goodall City Library, Ogallala
- ▲ Pierce Public Library
- ▲ Six Regional Library Systems Partnership ▲

## Public Librarian Certification Program

The Nebraska Library Commission's Public Librarian Certification program, initiated in 1987, is designed to improve public library service throughout the state and to motivate librarians to acquire, maintain, and develop skills through basic and continuing education.

Participation in this program has grown steadily since its inception, with more than five hundred library staff members currently enrolled in the program. A task force was established in 1998 to evaluate the Public Librarian Certification Program, including the Basic Skills courses. The Nebraska Library Commission contracted with Debra Wilcox Johnson, J&J Consulting, to direct the evaluation process. The result of this evaluation is an in-depth analysis of the certification program, as well as recommendations for program improvements. This report is located on the Nebraska Library Commission Web page at <[www.nlc.state.ne.us](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)>, search on Certification Report.

**Public Librarian Certification Program** changes include:

- ▲ The implementation of a "provisional" certificate on January 1, 2001. For participants who apply to the program after that date, the Nebraska Library Commission will issue a one time, three-year Provisional Certificate. This certificate is provisional until the requirements of the certification program are met. A Provisional Certificate expires at the end of three years and is not renewable. This does not apply to participants with a Master of Library Science degree. The certification program operates with the same requirements as always. The only change is that the initial certificate contains the word "provisional."
- ▲ The renewal application is no longer required. Once the requirements for re-certification are met, the Library Commission issues a renewed certificate, along with a copy of the participant's record. In January of each year, certified persons are notified if records show that they do not have the necessary requirements for renewal.
- ▲ No fees are charged to participate in the Public Librarian Certification program.

Participation in the certification of public library boards has dropped since the program started in 1992, with approximately 120 library boards currently certified. Program changes are designed to increase participation.

**Library Board Certification Program** changes include:

- ▲ Library board certification runs from October through September. This coincides with the time frame for public library accreditation. Renewal dates will be checked and each board contacted near their renewal date.
- ▲ Certificates for library boards are sent to the library director, with copies mailed to board presidents.

For more information contact Kit Keller, Library Data Services Coordinator, 402-471-3216, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <[kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us)>. ▲

## Commission Initiates Making a Difference @ your library™

**T**he Nebraska Library Commission recently launched a new venture, **Making a Difference @ your library.™** Library Commission staff members serving on two-member teams are visiting all 275 public libraries in Nebraska.

The visits started on April 16, 2001 (Bess Johnson Elkhorn Public Library), and will continue through the spring of 2002. These visits include discussions with library staff members on how Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants or other grants made during the past three years are "**Making a Difference @ your library.™**"

Participants also discuss the impact of state aid payments, as well as local library service successes and challenges. In addition, the Library Commission teams hold dialogue sessions with the library staff, trustees, customers, and other interested community members to gain a better understanding of local issues, concerns, and goals, and to learn how state and regional services impact local library services.

As of June 30, thirty-three visits (twelve percent) were completed, with another sixty-eight (twenty-five percent) scheduled through October. Staff reactions to these visits are very positive. Local library staff members have extended warm hospitality to visiting Commission staff members. The feedback about



Sally Payne, Sump Memorial Library Director, and Nancy Busch, Nebraska Library Commission Deputy Director (l-r), discuss the library's information technology infrastructure during the **Making a Difference @ your library.™** visit in Papillion.

programs and services will prove invaluable for Commission planning.

For more information, see the Library Commission Web site, <[www.nlc.state.ne.us](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)>, search on Making a Difference. As the project continues, the Web site will be expanded to include photographs and some of the information gathered. For more information contact Nancy Busch, Deputy Director, 402-471-4002, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <[nbusch@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:nbusch@nlc.state.ne.us)>. ▲

## Legislative Day Activities Held

**T**he Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Legislative Day Luncheon was held in February in Lincoln. More than 150 library staff, trustees, and city officials attended, with thirty-one legislative districts represented by senators or senators' representatives.

Using the theme, **Find the best @ your library.™**, the daylong event focused on the variety of services that librarians provide for their customers. With a special emphasis on library services to youth, the luncheon featured a recognition ceremony for young people involved with a local public or school library. Lt. Governor Dave Maurstad presented the awards.

A ceremony in the historic Warner Legislative chamber commemorating the Library Commission Centennial highlighted the day. Sen. DiAnna



Sen. David Landis provides communication training.

Schimek introduced a legislative resolution honoring the Commission, and the resolution was presented to library supporters from across the state.

A morning briefing provided information on current legislation and library issues by Library Commission Director Rod Wagner and NLA Legislative Liaison Ken Winston. Sen. David Landis provided entertaining and informative tips for communicating with state senators.

An afternoon seminar featured Gary Hartzell in a program sponsored by The Nebraska

Community-Library Advocacy Project and the NLA Legislative Committee. Hartzell, Professor of Educational Administration and Supervision at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, spoke on building influence. Participants were inspired to recognize and utilize the influence they have within their communities and the state.

For more information contact Brenda Ealey at 402-467-6188, 800-288-6063, e-mail: <[bealey@cornhusker.net](mailto:bealey@cornhusker.net)>, or see <[www.nol.org/home/NLA/legcomm.html](http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/legcomm.html)>. ▲

## Training and Continuing Education Grants Awarded for FY 2001

The Nebraska Library Commission awarded training and continuing education grants in Spring 2001 in the amount of \$46,815. The grants assisted libraries in providing continuing education and training for Nebraska library personnel. Grants were awarded to:

- ▲ Atkinson Public Library
- ▲ Battle Creek Public Library
- ▲ Karlen Memorial Library, Beemer
- ▲ Central City Public Library
- ▲ Columbus Public Library
- ▲ Hruska Memorial Public Library, David City
- ▲ Grand Island Public Library
- ▲ Holdrege Public Library System
- ▲ Pierce Public Library
- ▲ Plattsmouth Public Library
- ▲ Wauneta Public Library
- ▲ Levitt Library, York College
- ▲ Six Regional Library Systems
- ▲ Republican Valley Library System

For more information see the Library Commission home page at <[www.nlc.state.ne.us](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)>, search on Continuing Education Grants. ▲

## Advocacy Workshops Held

The Nebraska Library Commission; Nebraska Library Association Trustees, Users, and Friends Section; and the Regional Library Systems participated in the second year of the Communities and Libraries project sponsored by Libraries for the Future and the Viburnum Foundation. Workshops were held in North Platte and Columbus. The theme was "Blueprint for Building Infrastructure." Approximately 120 people spent the day with Mary Jo Ketchum, Elma, NY and Penny Hummel, Portland, OR learning about working with community groups to expand the base of support.

The workshops were designed for trustees, Friends group members, directors, and other community activists who are interested in building library support on a sustained basis. The sessions stressed the importance of forming partnerships within the community and provided the tools for achieving those partnerships. The morning session focused on "why,



Small groups worked on advocacy action plans.

how, and where" to find support for the library. The afternoon session was a working session to build the action plan from beginning to celebration. The presenters provided concrete examples and techniques to achieve the goals of the audience. For more information contact Maggie Harding, 402-826-2636, e-mail: <[gh12521@alltel.net](mailto:gh12521@alltel.net)> or Richard Miller, 402-471-3175, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <[rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us)>. ▲

## Statewide Public Forums Held

Librarians, library boards, and the general public were invited to statewide public forums in August 2000. The Nebraska Library Commission facilitated discussions on the Libraries for the 21st Century 2001-2003 Campaign for Improved Library and Information Service. The Library Commission used the ideas and recommendations from the Public Forums to revise the state long-range plan, and to construct the 2001-2003 biennium budget request. For more information contact: Nancy Busch, Nebraska Library Commission, 402-471-4002, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <[nbusch@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:nbusch@nlc.state.ne.us)>. ▲

## Database Road Show Travels the State

The Library Commission Database Road Show traveled to sites across the state. The Road Show explores the databases provided by the Nebraska Library Commission for libraries across the state. The sessions provide information on how to search a database in general, and practice searching in the computer lab for answers in the individual databases. Details about locations, dates, and times for future Road Shows will be provided via the Library Commission home page at <[www.nlc.state.ne.us](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)>, see Library Calendar, and via the mailing list. This mailing list focuses on database trials and provides information

about Library Commission trial activity. To subscribe, see <[www.nlc.state.ne.us/lists](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/lists)>. In the body of the message type: subscribe trial Firstname Lastname (Example: subscribe trial Jane Doe). ▲

## Trustee Training Held Across Nebraska

Trustee training was held in six sites across the state, sponsored by Nebraska's six Regional Library Systems and funded through a grant from the Nebraska Library Commission. Pat Wagner of Pattern Research in Denver provided training on trustee responsibilities and library advocacy. ▲

## Commission Contracts for Statistical Tools

The Library Commission negotiated an agreement to use **Bibliostat™ Collect** and **Bibliostat™ Connect** for public library statistics. **Bibliostat™ Collect** is an Internet-enabled software application that automates the existing annual state public library survey process. It helps local libraries perform timely, complete, and accurate data submission. Federal data elements, definitions, and edit check parameters are incorporated into Nebraska's Web-based survey.

**Bibliostat™ Connect** is a Web-based tool that makes it easy to find compelling statistics and present them effectively in charts and graphs.

The Library Commission convened a focus group of Nebraska librarians, who discussed the issues involved in the use of these products. The group provided input on definitions of both existing and new data elements, as well as recommendations about how workshops would be structured for the introduction of these products. For additional information contact Kit Keller, Library Data Services Coordinator, 402-471-3216, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us>, or see the Commission Web site, <www.nlc.state.ne.us>, search on **Bibliostat**. ▲

## NEBASE Celebrates 25th Anniversary

NEBASE celebrated its twenty-fifth year serving Nebraska libraries. On May 20, 1976, several academic libraries in Nebraska partnered with the Nebraska Library Commission to form the OCLC regional consortium called NEBASE. NEBASE was established to facilitate access to OCLC

services for libraries throughout Nebraska. The Library Commission was designated the managing body for the network with Rod Wagner, current Nebraska Library Commission Director, as the first NEBASE Director.

NEBASE began with nine original member libraries plus the Nebraska Library Commission, and has grown to include 146 libraries of all types and sizes including academic, research, public, school, medical, law, and special. Over the years, NEBASE has pioneered the implementation of new OCLC products and services for these libraries, including the Interlibrary Loan Subsystem, FirstSearch Group Subscription, Cataloging Express Service (CatExpress), and Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC).

In addition to OCLC-based services, NEBASE coordinated related statewide network services, promoting cooperative resource sharing among libraries. NEBASE sponsored the microfiche development of NEUCAT, the Nebraska Union Catalog, and NEULIST, the Union List of Nebraska serials.

Today, member libraries across the state continue to benefit from the wide range of NEBASE products and services in the areas of cataloging, reference, and resource sharing. To enhance member libraries' management and use of these services, NEBASE provides cost-effective and innovative training, support, information, and administrative services. NEBASE is committed to providing ongoing promotion and support of Nebraska libraries in their cooperative efforts to share resources and information for the next quarter century and beyond. ▲

## Libraries of Promise

As part of the national @ your library™ campaign, the Nebraska Library Commission developed the **Libraries of Promise @ your library™ Initiative**. Nebraska libraries are encouraged to begin or continue work with children and youth in the development of five key areas: Mentoring, Nurturing, Serving, Teaching, and Safety. For more information, see the Library Commission home page, <www.nlc.state.ne.us>, search on **Libraries of Promise**. ▲

## E-Rate Funding Reported for 2000-2001

Nearly one hundred public libraries participated in the third year of e-rate funding along with the Nebraska Library Commission and three regional library systems. Communities of all sizes across the state are continuing to seek discounts on telecommunication services, Internet connectivity, and internal connections. This year the individual funding amounts ranged from \$211 at Elmwood Public Library to \$42,263 at Omaha Public Library.

The Library Commission continues to encourage libraries to participate in the application process for this coming year.

For more information contact Pam Scott, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <pscott@nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲

**Discussion between Library Commission employees and Conversation Among Small Town Librarians (CASTL) group emphasizes the importance of E-rate in small libraries.**



## Nebraska Library Commission Highlights July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001

- ▲ 2,618 librarians attended 146 Continuing Education Sessions sponsored by the Library Commission, including 180 participants in Basic Skills Sessions.
- ▲ 168 public libraries were accredited.
- ▲ 167 libraries received state aid.
- ▲ The Talking Book and Braille Service circulated 13,915 talking books, magazines, and Braille materials each month.
- ▲ The Talking Book and Braille Service recorded 150 issues of magazines and twenty books.
- ▲ The Talking Book and Braille Service duplicated 43,095 audiocassettes.
- ▲ The Nebraska State Database was increased to 6.8 million records with 6.9 million holdings, as of June 30, 2001.
- ▲ NEBASE members cataloged 135,484 total items.
- ▲ NEBASE members originally cataloged 730 items.
- ▲ The Library Commission circulated 3,661 items.
- ▲ The Library Commission borrowed 1,220 items from other libraries.
- ▲ The Library Commission loaned 316 items to other libraries.
- ▲ The Library Commission served 7,280 customers onsite.
- ▲ NEBASE libraries borrowed 55,216 items from other libraries.
- ▲ NEBASE libraries loaned 49,969 items to other libraries.
- ▲ At the end of the fiscal year, NEBASE membership included sixty full-cataloging members, forty-two CatExpress members, and forty-one NEON members.
- ▲ The Library Commission completed 4,010 reference transactions.
- ▲ 4,201 state documents were added to the Commission's collection, bringing the total to 122,847.
- ▲ 3,381 federal documents were added to the Commission's collection, and 21,409 federal documents were withdrawn, bringing the total to 169,988.
- ▲ 1,498 state documents were circulated in FY 2001.
- ▲ 169 federal documents were circulated in FY 2001.

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