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Small Public Librarians Awarded Stipend for Nebraska Library Association Conference

Winner in Each of Six Regional Library Systems Receives \$150 Biblionix Sponsored Stipend

Austin, Texas - September 10, 2008 - The Administrators of Nebraska's six Regional Library Systems have each selected a recipient for the Biblionix NLA/NEMA 2008 Annual Conference Stipend. The stipend of \$150 is offered to a small- or medium-sized public librarian in each library system in Nebraska. It is offered to defray costs for attending the NLA/NEMA Annual Conference. The 2008 conference is October 15-17 in Lincoln. This year's stipend winners are:

Eastern Library System:	Rosa Schmidt, Oakland Public Library
Northeast Library System:	Mary Anne Schwarten, Emerson Public Library
Republican Valley Library System:	Judy Grandstaff, Blue Hill Public Library
Southeast Library System:	Karen Frank, Greenwood Public Library
Panhandle Library System:	Kendra Caskey, Goodall City Library
Meridian Library System:	Karrie Huryta, Ravenna Public Library

Per the terms of the stipend, winners are required to attend 2 of the 3 days of NLA/NEMA conference/pre-conference and attend either the NLA business meeting or another section business meeting. After the conference, they must complete a summary of their experience.

“Biblionix's stipend for six small public Nebraska librarians to attend our state library conference is wonderful,” said Brenda Ealey, Administrator of the Southeast Library System. “It's fabulous to work with a vendor that caters to the small public library, particularly since the majority of communities served by libraries in Nebraska are rural - and small public libraries. Nebraska Library Association and Nebraska Educational Media Association put together our annual conference with the hopes of attracting librarians and library supporters from across the state to an educational event geared to respond to their needs in all sizes of communities. We know that the ability to cover registration costs can be a deterrent for some in attending - and this is a marvelous way to alleviate that for at least 6 individuals, and for 6 individuals from all geographic regions of the state.”