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DIRECTOR'S MEMO

Need Legal Advice?

REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Over the last few months I have learned of occasions where libraries have relied on the expertise of their municipal attorney to draft resolutions, contracts and other legal documents; review library board meeting agendas to identify potential conflicts with the Open Meetings Law; and to review subpoenas directing a library to produce library records.

What role does the municipal attorney play in your library? In your city or village? Do you keep the attorney informed about what's going on in the library, or is the attorney only contacted when there is a crisis? The municipal attorney is a valuable member of any municipal team and, when used effectively, can do a lot to help the library carry out its responsibilities and lawfully achieve its goals while protecting the library and its officers from significant liability.

How does a library use a municipal attorney effectively? The League of WI Municipalities suggests the following:

1. *Remember that you and the attorney are on the same team.* The municipal attorney should not be viewed as an obstructionist.
2. *Remember who the client is.* Keep in mind that the municipal attorney's client is the municipality, acting through its governing body, and NOT individual officers or employees.
3. *Involve your municipal attorney early.* When a municipality does not have in-house counsel, local officials are sometimes reluctant to contact the municipal attorney because of the cost associated with doing so. Although the cost of legal services is a valid concern and it's unnecessary to call the municipal attorney for every little thing, the best advice is don't be penny-wise and pound-foolish.
4. *Prepare before speaking or meeting with your municipal attorney.* Doing your homework before meeting with the attorney will give the municipality the best value for the money it spends on legal services.
5. *Plan ahead for legal services.* Give the attorney adequate time to research issues and answer questions. Don't demand an immediate response from the attorney at a meeting. Municipal law is not a compact, well-defined body of law.
6. *Be candid with your municipal attorney.* Disclose all the pertinent facts and don't be selective. Although being selective in what you tell the attorney may get you the answer you want, it may have significant consequences for the library later.

For more suggestions, visit the League's Web site at <http://www.lwm-info.org/> and click on the link to the February 2008 issue of *The Municipality*.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED FOR THE STRATEGIC VISIONING SUMMIT

It has been ten years since Wisconsin government sponsored a statewide conference on the future of library services. Given the advances in technology, changing demographics and service needs of Wisconsin's citizens it is time to engage the library community and citizenry in envisioning a new and exciting future for Wisconsin's libraries and information networks. Toward that aim, on May 5-6, 2008, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND) will sponsor a statewide Strategic Visioning Summit.

In preparation for this event, the Summit's Executive Planning Committee has asked that anyone with an interest in Wisconsin libraries to respond to an online survey which asks the following questions:

- How will the library of the future contribute to the quality of life in our communities?
- How will the library of the future contribute to the health of our democracy?
- How will the library of the future contribute to the educational, economic and workforce development of the future?
- How will the library of the future contribute to the preservation of the heritage and cultures of our communities?
- How do we design library services and infrastructure to effectively serve everyone in the community?
- How do we leverage and maximize the investment in education and library services through cooperation and collaboration?
- What else would you like to tell us?

To complete the survey, visit the COLAND's Web site (<http://dpi.wi.gov/coland/vision.html>) and click on the link to Visioning Questions.

This is your opportunity to give your views on the future of libraries.

Marla Sepnafski

IN THE SYSTEM

WVLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN 2008

Appointed by the county boards of supervisors, the 15-member WVLS Board of Trustees is responsible for all policy decisions for WVLS. The number of representatives from each county on the board is based on county populations, and usually appointees serve 3-year terms. WVLS trustees meet six times annually – in January, March, May, July, September and November. At their January meeting, the board elects its 7-member Executive Committee, which also meets approximately six times a year – February, April, June, August, October and December. All meetings are open to the public and most are held at Marathon County Public Library. Following is the 2008 WVLS Board of Trustees roster:

WVLS Executive Committee

- PRESIDENT: Janet Baer, Oneida County (term expires 12/2008)
- VICE PRESIDENT: Donna Walbeck, Taylor County (term expires 12/2008)
- TREASURER: Michael Otten, Marathon County (term expires 12/2009)
- MEMBER: Jim Backus, Marathon County (term expires 12/2010)
- MEMBER: Sandi Cihlar, Marathon County (term expires 12/2009)
- MEMBER: Alice Sturzl, Forest County (term expires 12/2010)
- MEMBER: Chris Uhlig, Marathon County (term expires 12/2009)

Other Members of the WVLS Board

- Audrey Ascher, Marathon County (term expires 12/2010)
- Don Christianson, Marathon County (term expires 12/2008)
- Peg Jopek, Langlade County (term expires 12/2009)
- Douglas Lay, Marathon County (term expires 12/2008)
- Gladys Olsen, Clark County (term expires 12/2008)
- Louise Olszewski, Clark County (term expires 12/2009)
- Vicki Reuling, Oneida County (term expires 12/2010)
- Kay Smith, Lincoln County (term expires 12/2010)

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2008

The 15-member WVLS Library Advisory Committee (LAC) is charged with advising the WVLS staff and Board of Trustees on matters relating to promotion and implementation of programs of cooperation and communication among all libraries and other information sources in the counties which have membership in the Wisconsin Valley Library Service. Meeting dates are posted in this newsletter and on the WVLS Web site. The LAC members for 2008 are:

Small Public Library Members

1. Vicky Calmes, Colby Public Library
2. Sue Wild, Dorchester Public Library
3. Ann Harris, Frances L. Simek Memorial Library, Medford
4. Mary Taylor, Minocqua Public Library
5. Shirley Lehr, Owen Public Library
6. Lois Radloff, Wabeno Public Library

School/Special Library Members

1. Beth Martin, D.C. Everest Middle School, Schofield
2. Sue Engel, Horace Mann Middle School, Wausau
3. Marcia Theel, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau
4. Sandra Wurdeman, Mosinee Middle School

Large Public Library Members

1. Cynthia Taylor, Antigo Public Library
2. Bea Lebal, T.B. Scott Free Library, Merrill
3. Kris Adams Wendt, Rhinelander District Library
4. Phyllis Christensen, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau

Academic/Technical Library Member

1. Representative from Nicolet College, Rhinelander

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PLA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Approximately 11 area library staff submitted nominations for the WVLS scholarships to attend the 2008 Public Library Association National Conference in Minneapolis. The winners, chosen by a random drawing, were **Linda Schuster**, Children's Librarian at the T.B. Scott Free Library (Merrill) and **Loralee Petersen**, Withee Public Library Director. Both are first-time PLA Conference attendees and we hope the conference proves to be an exhilarating and inspiring experience for them. And, we look forward to hearing all the details!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Mark Your Calendars!

21st ANNUAL CHILDREN'S BOOK FEST

Northern Wisconsin librarians, teachers, parents and members of the general public who are interested in learning about the best books for young people are invited to attend **Children's Book Fest 2008**, a two-day conference held at the Rhinelander Holiday Inn Express (Rhinelander, WI) on March 11 and 12.

Children's literature specialists from the nationally acclaimed Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) in Madison, Wisconsin, will discuss books for children and young adults at an evening presentation on Tuesday, March 11, as well as at a day presentation on Wednesday, March 12. Both sessions will include a CCBC exhibit of the best books from the year 2007 for young readers.

CCBC Director Kathleen T. Horning and her staff publish *CCBC CHOICES* as an annual recommended best books list. Children's Book Fest participants will receive a free copy of the 100-page booklet as part of their registration package.

Plans include an opportunity on both March 11 and 12 for individuals to purchase award-winning books highlighted by the speakers through an independent arrangement with Brown Street Books of Rhinelander.

Complete registration information for Children's Book Fest is on the WVLS Web site at <http://wvls.lib.wi.us/Workshops/workshop.html>. The registration fee for either session is \$6.00. **All registrations must be received no later than March 7.** Telephone inquiries for the Wednesday presentation may be made to the Rhinelander District Library at 715/365-1070. More information about the Tuesday presentation is available from Headwaters Reading Council members Joan Belongia Mode (715/362-5111) or Colleen Konicek (715/588-3243). *—Kris Adams Wendt, Director; Rhinelander District Library; 106 N. Stevens St.; Rhinelander, WI 54501; kwendt@wvls.lib.wi.us; 715/365-1070*



Catch the Reading Bug @ the WVLS SLP Workshop!

Wednesday, March 12, 2008; 1:30-4:00 PM
Holiday Inn Express; 668 W. Kemp-Hwy 8 West
Rhinelander, WI

Collect all the specimens a librarian could need for planning an amazing 2008 Summer Library Program. Join **Patti Sinclair**, editor of the Collaborative Summer Library Program Manual, as she shares tips for bug(gy) programs, decorations, promotion and crafts.

This workshop will follow the 21st Annual session of **Children's Book Fest**, sponsored by the Headwaters Reading Council, the School District of Rhinelander and the Rhinelander District Library. Come early (browsing through the CCBC book exhibit begins at 8:30 a.m.), and stay later for the WVLS SLP workshop from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Please **R.S.V. P.** for the **WVLS SLP Workshop** by **Friday, March 7**, to Beth Sillars, sillars@wvls.lib.wi.us or 715-261-7255. **If you have questions or need special accommodations, contact Beth.**



New!

ATTEND THE PLA CONFERENCE VIRTUALLY!

This year, PLA is offering those who can't make the trip to Minneapolis an opportunity to participate virtually. The PLA 2008 Virtual Conference will feature panel discussions, poster sessions, interactive workshops and chats with colleagues, all from the comfort of your computer.

The PLA 2008 Virtual Conference will be held on Thursday, March 27, and Friday, March 28, during the PLA 12th National Conference. Each day will consist of five live programs. Individuals who register to attend PLA 2008 in Minneapolis will automatically receive access to the Virtual Conference as part of their registration. Registration for the PLA 2008 Virtual Conference will open soon! Check the PLA 2008 Web site regularly at <http://www.placonference.org> for updated information about speakers, programming, and registration.

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR DPI STAFF

Last week, most Department of Public Instruction staff, including all staff in DPI's Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning, changed their email addresses. The staff user name is the same as the one used previously (i.e., first name.last name), but the email domain has changed from @dpi.state.wi.us to @dpi.wi.gov

The old emails will still work for several months. But as time permits, please update your email address book, any email lists, Web sites, etc., with the new DPI/DLTCL staff email addresses. If you have any questions or problems sending to the new addresses, please contact Bob Bocher at 608/266-2127 or robert.bocher@dpi.wi.gov (*Channel Weekly*; 1/31/08)

YOUTH MATTERS

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES OPENS IN THEATERS FEBRUARY 14TH

Paramount Pictures and Nickelodeon Movies present *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, a motion picture based on Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black's best-selling fantasy series of the same name, scheduled for release on February 14. The screenplay pulls plot elements from all five of the original books.

Helen Grace (Mary-Louise Parker) and her three kids leave New York City and move to a secluded, run-down mansion that Helen's great-uncle, Arthur Spiderwick, has left to her. Jared is hesitant about the experience, but his twin brother Simon (both played by Freddie Highmore) and his older sister Mallory (Sarah Bolger) are willing to give it a try. When mysterious things begin to happen, Jared gets the blame, and he explores the house to find out what's really going on. He discovers a dusty old volume, penned by Arthur Spiderwick, describing fantastical creatures that supposedly inhabit the estate and can only be viewed with a Seeing Stone. Jared and his siblings forget their differences when they become embroiled in an adventure that involves all sorts of faerie species—both helpful and harmful.

The movie's Web site, www.spiderwickchronicles.com, offers a plot preview, film clips, and more. Kids can click on a "Field Guide" icon to access information about various creatures and drag a Seeing Stone across the screen to reveal otherwise hidden images. (*SLJ's Extra Helping*, 1/22/08)

EXCEPTIONAL WEB SITES FOR CHILDREN

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, recently added 37 Web sites to its Great Web Sites for Kids (<http://www.ala.org/greatsites>), an online resource containing hundreds of links to commendable Web sites for children.

Great Web Sites for Kids features links to valuable Web sites of interest to children, organized by subject headings such as animals; literature and languages; sciences; the arts; and history and biography. There is also a special section with sites of interest to parents, caregivers and teachers and an area devoted to sites in Spanish.

In 2007, the Great Web Sites committee put over 400 Web sites for children (aged birth to 14) through a vigorous evaluation and voting process before being recommended to the 2007 GWS list. A site had to demonstrate commendable quality and reflect and encourage young people's interests in exemplary ways. Following are some of the sites selected in 2007:

- Adoption Clubhouse; <http://www.adoptionclubhouse.org>
- Bookwink; <http://www.bookwink.com>
- The Bubblesphere; <http://www.bubbles.org>
- Sharon Creech's Web site; <http://www.sharoncreech.com/index.html>
- Get Set 4 Kindergarten; <http://www.getset4k.org>
- International Digital Children's Library; <http://www.childrenslibrary.org/>
- Math Playground; <http://www.MathPlayground.com>
- My First Garden; <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/firstgarden/>
- National Geographic My Wonderful World: Maps – Tools for Adventure; <http://nationalgeographic.com/toolsforadventure>
- Professor Garfield; <http://www.professorgarfield.org>
- Sur La Lune Storytime; <http://surlalunefairytales.com/storytime/index.html>
- Chris Van Allsburg's Web site; <http://www.chrisvanallsburg.com>
- World Almanac for Kids; <http://www.worldalmanacforkids.com/explore/index.html>

(ALSC news release; 1/29/08)

GRANT UPDATE

GRANT AVAILABLE TO ATTEND NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY

The ALA Washington Office in conjunction with the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) recently announced that a monetary award has been created to help pay for a participant to attend National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) held annually in Washington DC. The award amount is \$300. The deadline for entries is **April 18, 2008**.

Criteria:

- The recipient should be a library supporter (trustee, Friend, general supporter), not a professional librarian.
- Priority will be given to those who are first-time attendees to National Library Legislative Day.
- Recipient should include a letter of reference from a library director, school librarian, trustee board Chair, Friends Group Chair, or other library person.
- Recipient must be willing to continue to advocate for library services.
- The Washington Office will contact the recipient's Senators and Members of Congress to announce the award.
- Two WHCLIST leaders and one member of the Washington Office staff will choose the recipient.

The NLLD registration form may be found at

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/registrationa/registration.cfm> Send a letter explaining why you should be chosen, your letter of reference, and a completed NLLD registration form to: Rosalind Reynolds, Government Relations Specialist; 1615 New Hampshire Ave NW; First Floor; Washington, DC 20009; rreynolds@alawash.org; 202/628-8419. For more information on NLLD, visit the ALA-WO Web site at <http://www.ala.org/nlld>

ON COMMAND

More Validating than Surprising

PERCEPTIONS 2007: AN INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF LIBRARY AUTOMATION

Keeping tabs on the world of library automation technology can be a difficult and confusing task, so it helps to have someone like Marshall Breeding to do it for us. For nearly two decades he has been methodically tracking both integrated library system (ILS) companies and individual ILS products. Last month he published the results of a new survey, the first of where he asked librarians how satisfied they are with their current ILS products, vendors, and support services and how likely they are to explore open source products.

The full report, *Perceptions 2007: An International Survey of Library Automation*, published only on Breeding's Library Technology Guides site (<http://www.librarytechnology.org/perceptions2007.pl>), culls data from nearly 1,800 respondents in 47 countries to gauge opinions on the current state of automation.

While the report clearly ranks some products above others, Breeding points out that readers need to evaluate the results "with the proverbial grain of salt ... I worry that surveys like this one draw out the negative more than the positive. A survey provides an opportunity to vent against a vendor during a problematic episode, even when the relations with that vendor have been positive over the longer term." (By Kathy Dempsey from the *Info Today Newsbreak* as seen at ResourceShelf.com; 1/31/08)

INFO TO GO



Book News!

RUSA'S READING LIST COUNCIL DEBUTS '07 TOP GENRE TITLES

The Reading List Council, which was established by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) in 2007, has selected the outstanding genre fiction titles of last year. The winners in the eight categories below should be considered for your library's fiction collection:

- **Adrenaline:** *The Second Objective*, Mark Frost (Hyperion)
- **Fantasy:** *The Name of the Wind*, Patrick Rothfuss (Daw)
- **Historical Fiction:** *The Religion*, Tim Willocks (Farrar)
- **Horror:** *The Heart-Shaped Box*, Joe Hill (Morrow)
- **Mystery:** *Mistress of the Art of Death*, Ariana Franklin (Putnam)
- **Romance:** *Natural Born Charmer*, Susan Elizabeth Phillips (Morrow)
- **Science Fiction:** *In War Times*, Kathleen Ann Goonan (Tor)
- **Women's Fiction:** *Garden Spells*, Sarah Addison Allen (Bantam)

(LJXpress; 1/15/08)

9TH Annual List!

OUTSTANDING FREE REFERENCE WEB SITES

<http://rusq.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/47n1/PDFs/committees-mars.pdf>

Want to know which famous people have died and which are still alive? Plan a vacation using recommendations from recent visitors to your destination? Locate those "secret" customer service numbers which enable one to speak with a human being? Then check out the above link for the 9th

Annual "Best Free Reference Sites" compiled by the ALA's Reference and User Services Association (RUSA).

The committee considered sites in all subject areas, selecting only FREE sites that meet the definition of *ready reference* and that would be of value in all types of libraries. Consider putting these sites to good use in your reference work.

An index of the web sites included in the 1999-2006 annual lists issued by RUSA may be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaourassoc/rusasections/mars/marspubs/marsbestindex.cfm> (adapted from a post to the WVLS Director's listserv by WVLS staff member Beth Sillars; 1/24/08)

FROM HITHER & YON

WHY ARE LEAP YEARS USED?

A leap year is a year with one extra day inserted into the month of February, meaning that the leap year is 366 days.

Year 2008 is a leap year, with 29 days in February. And it is interesting to note that February 2008 has five Fridays and that the month starts and ends on a Friday. Between 1904 and 2096, leap years with the same day of week for each date repeat every 28 years, which means that the last time February had 5 Fridays was in 1980 and the next time will be in 2036.

Leap years are needed so that the calendar is in alignment with the earth's motion around the sun. A calendar year is defined as 365 days, but it takes 365.242199 days for the Earth to orbit the sun. When using a 365-day calendar this results in an error of approximately 6 hours per year – which, after a 100 years would be more than 24 days ahead of the seasons. Because it is desirable to align the calendar with the seasons, adding a leap year approximately every 4th year, the difference between the calendar and the seasons may be significantly reduced.

In the Gregorian calendar, which is the calendar used by most modern countries, the following rules decide which years are leap years:

- Every year divisible by 4 is a leap year.
- BUT every year divisible by 100 is NOT a leap year.
- Unless the year is also divisible by 400, then it is still a leap year.

This means that the years 1800, 1900, 2100, 2200, 2300 and 2500 are NOT leap years, while year 2000 and 2400 are leap years. (From time and date.com; <http://www.timeanddate.com/date/leapyear.html>)

WEB SITES OF INTEREST *(tourist traps on the information superhighway!)*

Askthejudge <http://www.askthejudge.info/>

Askthejudge is a new Web site for and about teens and the law, offering everything that teens need to know about the juvenile court system and the laws that affect youth. It includes more than one hundred Q&As, a blog, a newsletter, and current events about teen rights and responsibilities across the country. Thomas Jacobs, a retired juvenile court judge and Arizona State's Assistant Attorney General, is the creator and operator of the Web site.

(VOYA; December 2007)

The Green Guide <http://www.thegreenguide.com/>

Going "green" can be a challenge but it doesn't have to be. National Geographic created this site to provide the public with information about various green-friendly products, services, and so on. The homepage presents users with a "Tip of the Week", a selection of picks from the editors of the site, and a number of articles on topics such as wind farms, environmentally-friendly cleaning products, and conserving water. The "Green Home Makeover" area is worth a look, as visitors can learn about working on different rooms in the house, including the living room, the laundry room, and the bathroom. Finally, the site includes links to a clutch of weblogs, including "Home Green Home" and "The Ecopolitan". (From *The Scout Report*, Copyright Internet Scout 1994-2008; <http://scout.wisc.edu/>; 2/1/08)

Hairstyledesign.com <http://www.hairstyledesign.com/>

The hairstyle galleries may young men and women find a great hairdo before a visit to the stylist. Choose from men's or women's short, medium, or long, formal or celebrity styles. Also check out galleries from Oscar and MTV award shows. (*Neat New Stuff I Found This Week*; <http://marylaine.com/neatnew.html>; 2/8/08)

Super Bowl Commercials <http://www.spike.com/superbowl?htv=12>

Super Bowl XLI took place in Arizona on February 3rd, which means two things to people not interested in football – how was the half time show and what were the best commercials. Thought the commercial had some neat lizards or cute baby, but don't remember what the ad was trying to sell or promote? At this site you can check out the Super Bowl commercials all the way back to 2002. (*The World Almanac Newsletter*, February 2008)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 7 – **WVLS V-CAT Council meeting** – Frances L. Simek Memorial Library, Medford – 9:30 a.m.

February 14 – **Happy Valentine's Day!** Ester Howland, the woman who produced the first commercial American valentines in the 1840s, sold a then mind-boggling \$5,000 in cards during her first year. The valentine industry in the United States has been booming ever since. Today, over 1 billion valentine cards are sent in the country each year – second in number only to Christmas cards, according to the Greeting Card Association. Valentine's Day is also celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia. (HowStuffWorks; <http://people.howstuffworks.com/valentines-day.htm>)

February 19 – VOTE! It's Wisconsin's 2008 primary election for U.S. President and other offices. To find your polling place, visit the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board's Web site at <http://elections.state.wi.us/category.asp?linkcatid=1773&linkid=270&locid=47> (*WSLL @ Your Service*; 2/08)

February 29 – 2008 is a Leap Year, meaning there is a February 29th! What will you do with your extra day?

March 1 – **Public Library Annual Reports due** to the Division for Libraries, Technology and Community Learning.

March 2-8 – TEEN TECH WEEK – Sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), Teen Tech Week is aimed at getting teens to use libraries for the range of technologies offered there, including audiobooks on CD and Playaways, games, databases, and web sites. Resources are available at <http://www.ala.org/teentechweek>

March 3 – READ ACROSS AMERICA – The National Education Association's 10th annual Read Across America Day coincides with Dr. Seuss's 104th birthday. The NEA encourages readers of all ages to celebrate the joys of reading. Find a 2008 resource calendar and tool kit as well as posters and event tips at <http://www.nea.org/readacross> (*AudioFile*; February/March 2008)

March 8 – **WVLS Board of Trustees meeting** – Marathon County Public Library – 9:30 a.m.

March 12 – **21st annual Children's Book Fest 2008** – Holiday Inn Express, Rhinelander – 8:30-Noon- more details about this event are included in an article in this issue of *The Lamplighter*.

March 12 – **Catch the Reading Bug @ the WVLS SLP workshop!** – Holiday Inn Express, Rhinelander – 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. – refer to the Continuing Education section of this newsletter for more information.

March 25-29 – **12th National Public Library Association Conference** - Minneapolis Convention Center. The PLA National Conference is the premier professional development event for public library staff, trustees, Friends, library vendors and others with an interest in public libraries. More information about the conference may be found at <http://www.placonference.org>

April 30-May 2 – Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries annual conference – Stevens Point, WI.

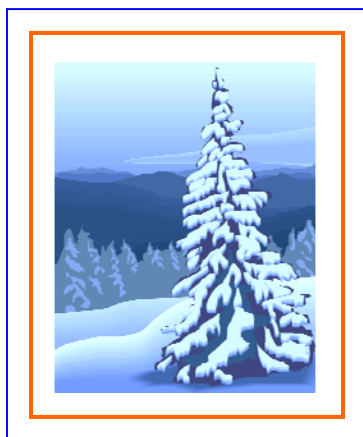
May 5-6 – COLAND's Statewide Library Strategic Visioning Summit – Green Lake, WI – for details, visit COLAND's Web site at <http://dpi.wi.gov/coland/vision.html>

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

***"I think we all have a little voice inside us that will guide us ...
if we shut out all the noise and clutter from our lives
and listen to that voice, it will tell us the right thing to do.***

-- Christopher Reeve

(Daily Motivation by WALKTHETALK.com; 1/29/08)



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