

NLLN Continuing Education Scholarship Reports for 2007/2008

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The conference was a great opportunity to learn what else is happening in the greater library world. Talking with others I learned about their libraries and also tips from the sessions they attended. The conference exhibitors provided a good learning experience with the latest books and technology; I visited with several plus with the vendors we already use. Our DVD collection is in need of a better display area and I saw an idea which may be helpful.

The Betsy-Tacy Historical Mankato Tour was great. Having read the Betsy-Tacy books it was fascinating to see the setting. It has changed just a little, but the Historical Society has preserved a glimpse of the past. As I had attended college at Mankato State the rest of the tour was equalizing enjoyable.

Since our website is in need of updating I attended a couple sessions on this topic. I was pleased to learn of the use of podcasts and screencasts to help teach patrons about various features of the catalog, the programs or why we need an expansion to our library.

Our library is working toward an expansion and I attended a couple sessions that discussed the new trends in library services and reference. Our present library was well designed and has functioned well for many years. Now we need to consider the importance of the design for the expansion and the new trends. It was good to hear about the research that has been done and the willingness of libraries to share and train others. Hopefully our community will benefit from their knowledge.

Thank you,
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