



**THANK YOU**

The Tilden Public Library appreciates all those who gave so generously to "The Giving Tree."

A large number of consumable supplies were received and will be put to good use. There will be NO shortage of paper clips!! Also received were envelopes, staples, coffee, plastic silverware, pens, and many more items.

December 19 was a great afternoon starting with the book discussion enjoyed by several. It was followed by a special concert presented by St. John's Lutheran Bell Choir of Battle Creek under the direction of Suzy Awe. Barbara Larson shared the book *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. Wassail, tea, and cookies were enjoyed by all. The party ended by opening all the "gifts."

A special thanks also goes to Barbara Larson for organizing the day. The bell choir was wonderful. Those who furnished cookies were great to share!

**THANK YOU**

**Thursday, January 17**

4:00 p.m.

**The GARY WELDON SHOW**  
with the  
"Dew It-Say No" Puppets

# Upcoming Events

## January

16 — 10 a.m. — Book Discussion

17 — 4 p.m. — Gary Weldon Show

7 p.m. — FOLTI meeting

31 — Last day to vote in the

**CUTE BABY CONTEST**

## February

13 — 12 Noon — Booked for Lunch

26 — 2:30 p.m. — Koffee Klatch

**May 21– June 30**

Smithsonian Exhibit

*Between Fences*

## WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN READING?

The January "Book for Discussion" is *The Ghost at the Table* by Suzanne Berne. It is a thought-provoking look at a family during a time of transition. Copies are available for check out. Discussion will be held on Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. @ your library. Come and join the conversation!

If you would like to get a head start on reading, the February book will be *Cormac: The Story of a Dog Gone Missing* by Sonny Brewster.

## HAVE YOU NOTICED?

The Raymond A Whitwer Tilden Public Library web page has a new look. Webmaster Linda Renner created a user-friendly layout. Check it out at [www.tildenlibrary.org](http://www.tildenlibrary.org)

Raymond A. Whitwer

*Tilden Public Library*



JANUARY 2008

# Update

First Annual

**CUTE BABY**



**CONTEST**

Vote by donating a quarter or more to your favorite baby by January 31.

The winner in each age group will receive a new book.

All money donated will be used for the Friends of the Library tote bags given to new babies born in Tilden.

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## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Thursday 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.  
Sunday CLOSED

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@your library!

**BOOKED  
FOR  
LUNCH**

February 13

Nebraska poet, Joan Hoffman of Clearwater, will be the featured speaker in the Lied Auditorium on **Wednesday, February 13 at 12 noon.** Everyone is invited to bring their sack lunch for an entertaining and educational hour. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Ms. Hoffman is the 2006 recipient of the "Mari Sandoz Award," established by the Nebraska Library Association in 1969. The award is given annually to a person who has made a "significant, enduring contribution to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production, or related activity." By receiving this award she joins the ranks of Nellie Snyder Yost, Ted Kooser, Roger Welsh, and other distinguished Nebraska authors.

On that day attendees will be treated to writings from Ms. Hoffman's upcoming book. The library has two poetry anthologies that include her poems that may be checked out at any time.



Tuesday, February 26

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**KOFFEE KLATCH**

Program featuring

Elkhorn valley Speech Students

# eBAY AUCTION A SUCCESS!

The Tilden Library Foundation eBay auction of Excess Library Property was a success. In this case success is measured by the number of items that have been recycled with the help of eBay. A total of 116 lots were listed and 79 of them were sold. A lot consisted of one item (i.e., computer) or numerous items (i.e., many books). This is a very good response. All but the very oldest computer and the content server were purchased. Two items have sold since the auction ended and there is a possibility of negotiations on some of the items that are left.

Newspaper sticks went to a church in Tennessee. Our old unabridged dictionary now has a new home in a library in Los Angeles. The Nebraska State Historical Society purchased a copy of *Life along the Elkhorn*. Nebraska libraries learned of the auction through the Nebraska Library Commission ListServe. Many items, including books, monitors and shelf identifiers went to Nebraska libraries.

Janet Davis and Dixie Kucera spent some serious time listing, uploading and shipping the items, but it certainly was easier than organizing and facilitating a live local auction. Several hundred dollars were earned and will help make the possibility of a Tilden Library Foundation online store a reality.

## BOOK TOTES FOR NEWBORNS

The Friends of the Library Tilden have joined the ranks of many Friends groups around the country in promoting reading to children from birth. Research shows that reading to children at an early age aids in speech development, school readiness and reading success later in life.

Available to each new baby in Tilden is a personalized tote bag filled with a book, small toy, and fleece "lovey." The tote will make a great book bag the child can bring to the library when checking out books. Staci Sandman is in charge of this project. All donations to the *Cute Baby Contest* will go to support it for the next year.



## SCHOOL CLASSES VISIT

Thanks to the efforts of Barbara Larson and Hella Bauer several school classes visit the library regularly this year. Barbara and Hella visited the classrooms of the students to invite them and share with them a little of the story of our public library. The third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from Elkhorn Valley schools have been coming each month to check out books. During future visits Barbara and Hella will be sharing with them library skills when they visit.

Preschoolers from the public school and Little Lambs also come for stories with librarian Dixie Kucera when weather permits.