

# CTLS Newsletter

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## From the Executive Director

*By Pat Tuohy*

### Two New Library Buildings

The **Lake Travis Community Library District** now has its own building! After starting out in the Lake Travis High School Library and then moving to rental space, this Austin-area library has worked hard to raise the money for its first stand-alone library building. Congratulations to Library Director **Morgan McMillian**, her staff, and a host of dedicated volunteers! Stay tuned for information about their grand opening.



The **Pflugerville Community Library** now has a new addition, a new name, and a new address. Now the Pflugerville Public Library, this library started in an old house and moved to its first real building in the mid-1990s. With the phenomenal growth of Pflugerville, more space was needed. The result was a beautiful, spacious addition and the renovation of the 1990s building, which will be attached to the new wing. Congratulations to Library Director **Lisa Charbonnet**, her staff, and the volunteers and library supporters of Pflugerville!

### Bell/Whittington Library a Finalist!

**Rose Aleta Laurell** has done it again! **The Bell/Whittington Library**, which she directs in Portland, is a finalist for an IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) award: The Best Small Library in America. Of the dozen libraries that are finalists, Rose Aleta's serves the smallest population. Best wishes, Rose Aleta! Keep up the great work!



### CTLS Board of Directors

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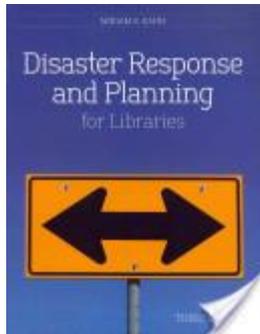
## News You Can Use

By Laurie Mahaffey

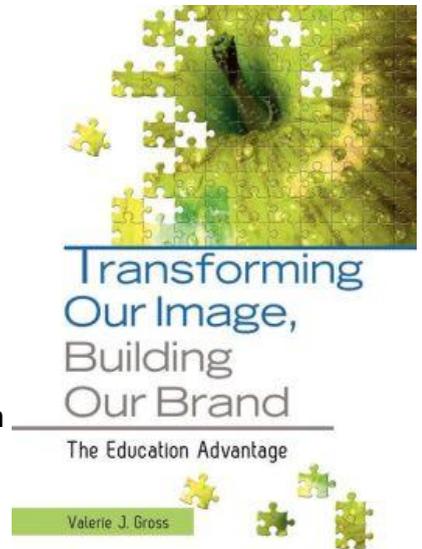
### New in the Professional Collection

Transforming our Image, Building our Brand by Valerie Gross is now in the professional collection.

Published by Libraries Unlimited in 2013, it is available to check out. Go to [www.ctls.net](http://www.ctls.net) and click on Professional Collection on the left to reserve it, or call Laurie at 1-800-262-4431. This was recommended to us by Hewitt Library Director Waynette Ditto.



Disasters come whether we are ready or not. Get closer to “ready” by looking at Disaster Response and Planning for Libraries, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Published by ALA in 2012, this helpful book was written by Miriam Kahn. Call Laurie or follow the directions above to have this book sent to you. Check-out times are generous (6 weeks).



## Youth News

By Kim Lehman

### Book Awards

Check out the Texas Bluebonnet Awards at <http://txla.org/tba>

Texas 2x2 Reading List can be found at <http://www.txla.org/groups/2x2-current>

### Die Cut Tips

Nancy Lois Marek from the Friench Simpson Memorial Library in Hallettsville shared some great tips for using the die cut machine. They used construction paper that was left over from various projects over the years (some full sheets; some not) to cut out the die cut shapes. The creative, thrifty staff members envisioned shredding all this colorful scrap paper that was left over. Now they have piles and piles of beautiful, color confetti-type material to use for projects. In other words, nothing was thrown away! Thank you Nancy for sharing these great tips.



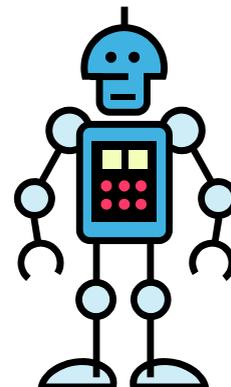
## "How to Do a Science Fair Project" Videos

Are kids in your community asking you for help on their science fair projects? In this video series, a JPL scientist, engineer and educator team up to help you learn how to craft your very own idea for a great science fair project and see it through to completion: <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/education/sciencefair/>.

## National Robotics Week

April 6-14, 2013

Robotics Week is a week-long series of events and activities aimed at increasing public awareness of the growing importance of "robo-technology" and the tremendous social and cultural impact that it will have on the future of the United States. Robotics is proving to be uniquely adept at enabling students of all ages to learn important science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts and at inspiring them to pursue careers in STEM-related fields. Events held throughout the week will feature opportunities for the public to interact with robots in a hands-on learning environment. Panel discussions, robotics competitions, introductory courses on robotics for kids, educational workshops for businesses, demos, and tours of innovative labs will provide networking opportunities as well as expose many to the genius and wonder of robotics. To find an event in your area or to host your own event visit: [www.nationalroboticsweek.org](http://www.nationalroboticsweek.org).



## Grant Opportunities

### Lego Children's Fund

Some of you may be interested in this grant opportunity. They favor other geographical areas (MA, CT) BUT I looked at past projects that were funded and they do give money to other states.

The Lego Children's Fund is accepting grant proposals for programs dedicated to inspiring and encouraging youth creativity. The fund supports programs serving children from birth to age 14, with priority consideration for disadvantaged or at-risk youth. Qualified grantees must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations (including educational organizations).

Grants range between \$500 and \$5,000. In addition, \$100,000 per year is awarded to a single organization identified and selected by the fund's board of directors. Deadlines are quarterly: April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15.

Grant program guidelines and applications are available at the [Lego Children's Fund Web site](#).

### Grant: Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides grants to qualifying schools, public libraries, and non-profit organizations that are located and provide services within twenty miles of a Dollar General store.

Grants are available to support organizations that provide literacy programs for new readers, below-grade-level readers, or readers with learning disabilities. Grant funding is provided to assist in implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs; purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives; and/or purchasing books, materials, or software for literacy programs. Find details at the [Dollar General Web site](#).

The maximum grant amount is \$4,000. **Deadline: May 23, 2013**



## What's Happening

### Congratulations

**Round Rock Public Library** is one of 840 libraries and state humanities councils across the country selected to receive the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys, from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. The new collection will feature 25 items and will include books, DVDs, and a 1 year database subscription.

Congratulations to Library Director **Carolyn Manning** and all the folks at the **Wimberley Village** Library which received the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award! What a wonderful, and well deserved, honor! Thanks to **Cara Russell** for sharing this information with us. Cara is the Library Director at the Dripping Springs Community Library

The **Smith-Welch Memorial Library** in Hearne received a grant for \$5000 to purchase more books and computers from the Union Pacific Foundation. To be eligible for this grant your community must be served by Union Pacific Railroad. (View a map showing [where Union Pacific Railroad operates](#) in the United States.) Thanks to **Kelly Hover Martin** for sharing this information with us.

### Springtime Crafts From Fairfield Library



# CTLS Calendar of Events

- March 20                    CTLS Board Meeting
- April 24 - 27              Texas Library Association  
Annual Conference, Fort Worth
- May 27                      Memorial Day Holiday, CTLS Office closed

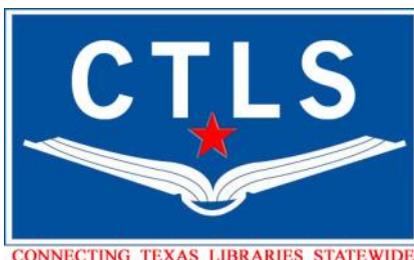


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