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UNL's Big TEN STEM Writing Retreat a Success!

August 14, 2012 by
Patricia Wonch Hill
This summer, The University of Nebraska hosted the first ever Big Ten STEM Writing Retreat at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus. The writing retreat was organized by ADVANCE-Nebraska and funded through the Elsevier Foundation's New Scholars Program.

One of the innovative aspects of this retreat was collaboration with the Lincoln Children's Museum for STEM faculty to bring their children for a science-themed day camp during the retreat. Twelve children attended overall, with a broad age range spanning from two months to nine years old.

The goal of the writing

retreat was to boost faculty productivity and to create formal and informal ties among STEM faculty within and between Big Ten Institutions.

Twenty-one faculty members from five Big Ten institutions (including UNL) and five additional institutions* attended.

[Read the full article.](#)

Why Millennial Women are poised to Change the world

Young Entrepreneur Council
Business has changed for good. This we know. The beauty of the down economy has been the rise of social enterprise, a collective questioning of public and private sector values, and a mainstream search for ways to integrate sustainability into our lives and work. From

where I sit, the future looks bright for Millennials – a generation of quiet rebels on the path to find a non-traditional, soul-enriching, values-fueled existence. It isn't a surprise that the [media](#) is tasking Generation Y with shaping the future. We're well-positioned with our understanding of technology, our hyper-

acuity for collaboration, and our desire to redefine success by the impact (not the money) we make. And while that is exciting – maybe even a little humbling – handing over responsibility to a new generation because we seem to “get it” isn't good enough. [Read the full article.](#)

Toys Start the Gender Equality Rift

New York Times, July 31, 2012 by Katrin Bennhold
The following conversation was overheard one recent morning at Hamleys, London's best-known toy store: Mother with baby carriage, scanning a white-and-red store map, to sales clerk: “I need a present for my niece.

Where is the girls' department, please?” Salesperson: “On the second floor.” Mother: “It would help if it was marked out more clearly, you know.” Three things are striking in this exchange: A “niece” requires a “girl's present”; toys are organized by sex, even if they aren't explicitly

marked as such; and mothers play a key role in nurturing stereotypes that later in life become one of the most stubborn barriers to gender equality, with cascading implications for women's interests, skills and status in society. [Read the full article.](#)



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