



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



As this newsletter is getting finished up, we are still in the early days of the novel coronavirus/CORVID-19 pandemic affecting this state. I'm hearing from libraries being told they need to stay

open as everything else around them closes, other libraries being told they need to shut down as everything else around them stays open, and just about all points in-between.

Our knowledge of what is going on is changing almost hourly as new reports come out, more research is done, new guidelines are established, and every body in the state has their assumptions challenged more often than they would like to admit.

Here are some good resources for you to look at when you are making your decisions.

CDC Covid-19 website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Here you can see the national overview of what we know about this pandemic, and the current best practices on how to handle it.

NLC Pandemic Preparedness webpage:
<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/libman/pandemic.aspx>

The Nebraska Library Commission has put

together a set of resources that focus on library-related issues.

NET Nebraska COVID-19 page: <http://netnebraska.org/basic-page/news/coronavirus-covid-19>

I'm finding our state's PBS & NPR page to be a really good place to get up to date information about what's going on in the state.

I'm not going to give a lot of advice in this article, except to keep up to date on what's posted on the above resources. Things can change very quickly right now – so do the best you can. If you need to change your mind after you gather new information, then do so – even it means in the afternoon you are contradicting something you said earlier that morning.

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Calendar



March 19, Spring Begins

March 20, Front Porch Award application deadline

March 21, World Poetry Day

March 22, Randolph Caldecott's Birthday

March 23, National Puppy Day

March 31, National Crayon Day

April, School Library Month

National Poetry Month

National Humor Month

April 2, National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

April 3, National Find a Rainbow Day

April 4, National School Librarian Day

Maya Angelou's Birthday

April 11, National Pet Day

April 12, D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read, Beverly Cleary's birthday

April 19-25, National Library Week

May 8, [SELS Training Extravaganza](#)

Photo of the Month



New at the Fairbury Public Library is this adorable caterpillar. Pre-school children and school age children love crawling through and pretending. More on p. 5.—*Photo by Linda Dux*

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

April 23

Kilgore Memorial Library
York
“Developing Volunteers”

May 29

Falls City Library & Art Center
“Kanopy”

June 26

Gilbert Memorial Library
Friend

July 24

Wahoo Public Library

August 27

Fairbury Public Library

September 25

Bruun Memorial Library
Humboldt

We met on Feb 21 at the Bob and Wauneta Burkley Library and Resource Center in De Witt. The day’s topic: Census 2020 with Darcy Tromanhauser & Vanessa Martinez from Nebraska Appleseed as presenters.

The census counts citizens and non-citizens. The information gathered by the census helps decide where federal funding goes, the number of state seats in the US House of Representatives, and boundaries of legislative districts. Nebraska’s state and local annual budget is made up of 34.5% federal funds.

This timeline for this year’s census starts with citizens will begin getting notifications around March 12 to fill out the Census form. They will be encouraged to provide the information online, or via the phone through a toll-free number. If a household does not provide information by a certain point in April, a form will be mailed to the address.

There will also be census takers who will go to residences that haven’t responded, as well as going to gather transitory populations. Those who live in group residences, such as college dorms or nursing homes, will be counted by a slightly different means and don’t have to fill out individual forms.

Some ideas were discussed about how libraries can help in this process. Reminding people to fill out the forms, provide computers reserved just for inputting their census information, and there are some that are allowing their patrons to use the libraries phones to complete the process.

There were some concerns about how much assistance to provide. Generally library staff take a hands off approach for good reason. We don’t make decisions or offer legal or medical advice because we are not trained for that type of discussion, and those talks probably shouldn’t be happening in public as well. More information can be found at: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/govinfo/census>

Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

To see the list of upcoming classes, [click here](#). Here’s what’s coming up next:

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration</u>
April 1—May 31	Introduction to Cataloging	February 24—March 20
April 6--April 24	Library Technology	February 17—March 27
May 4—May 22	Library Finance	March 16—April 10

News Around the System

Fine Arts and Crafts Show

The Schmid Law Library at the Nebraska College of Law hosted their 5th Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Show for the month of March. The fine arts and crafts on display have been created by Nebraska College of Law students, faculty and staff.



Read Across America Week

Contributed by Barbee Sweet

The Clarks Public Library helped celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by having guest readers from the high school speech team read books to the elementary children at High Plains Community School. Each day last week there were two new readers who read a classic Dr. Seuss story.



News Around the System

Story Times in Milligan

Story and photo by Shirley Brunkow

The boys and girls at the Milligan Public Library listen to a story each week that Shirley Brunkow reads to them. The picture shows them decorating shamrocks on February 27th that will be used to put on the bulletin board in the window of the library. Story time is held weekly with a different craft or activity each time. Starting in the lower left corner and going clockwise are: Lily Koehler, Piper Grummons, Cheyenne Krupicka, Kate Pribyl, MacKenzie Jaeger, Tagg Grummons, Kaidence Koehler, and Maddux Milton.



STEM at Fairbury Public Library

Story and photos by Linda Dux

Several of our STEM children and a few younger patrons have been learning to use the 3D printer! Their first project was to make a key chain with their name.

A few of the first grade STEM patrons enjoyed putting together a marble run and determining which configuration was the fastest.



News Around the System

LEGOs to the Rescue

By Charlotte Baldinger

Last January when the 10/11 television tower collapsed in Seward County many viewers were cut off from this popular Nebraska station. What could they do about this loss? How long can people survive without their favorite shows and newscasters? The LEGO Club at Seward Memorial Library decided to build new towers for 10/11. The children in the Lego Club were enthusiastic about the project and worked hard to construct tall towers that would not fall down. This challenge was tackled without any additional motivation. The creations measured over 6 feet tall and the young engineers wished their work actually would have an impact on the situation.



ShibSibs are Honorary Chairs of National Library Week

Maia and Alex Shibutani, a.k.a. the ShibSibs, are two-time Olympic bronze medalists, three-time world medalists, Four Continents Figure Skating Champions, and two-time U.S. National Champions. They are also this year's honorary chairs of National Library Week, April 19-25.

At the 2018 Winter Olympics, they became the first ice dancers of Asian descent to medal at the Olympics and are only the second sibling duo in the history of the sport to share an ice dancing



medal. They travel the world and enjoy spending time together (most of the time), eating food (all of the time), and meeting new people (any time!).

KUDO KIDS: The Mystery of the Masked Medalist is the first in a middle-grade series that marks the writing debut of Maia and Alex Shibutani. Co-authored by Michelle Schusterman, recognized by the American Library Association's 2019 Rainbow Book List, the book is set at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. The fun-filled, fast-paced mystery is inspired by the Shibutanis' own familial bond and experiences traveling the world with Team USA.



Southeast Library System Front Porch Award Application

The Front Porch Award is presented to a library (academic, institutional, public or school) that displays ingenuity in creating an atmosphere that welcomes patrons to their facility. This award and \$100 will be presented during National Library Week, April 19-25, 2020. Non-accredited libraries are welcome to apply.

Enclose the following with your nomination:

Name of Library: _____

Name of Individual Submitting the Application: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

- In 250 words or less, state why your library deserves this award.
- Information about activities/programs you have developed for your library.
- Two letters of recommendation from any library supporter.
- Any other information that shows your library deserves this award.

Nominations must be submitted to:

Southeast Library System

5730 R St. Ste. C-1

Lincoln, NE 68505

selsne@gmail.com

Application deadline is March 20, 2020



SELS Training Extravaganza

at Seward Memorial Library

May 8, 2020 Schedule of Events

	Lower Meeting Room	Upper Meeting Room	Computer Lab
9:45-9:55	Registration and Refreshments*		
9:55-10:00	Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions*		
10:00-11:00	<p>7 Wonders - 7 Lessons: Reasons to Have Hope in the World. With Dean Jacobs.</p> <p><i>This Keynote is sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.</i></p>		
11:00 -11:10	Break		
11:10-12:00	<p>Free Legal Help for Library Patrons with Sara Rips of Legal Aid of Nebraska</p>	<p>Fact vs. Fiction: Critical Thinking in the Age of Fake News with Joy Harvey</p>	<p>Using MyHeritage with Allana Novotny</p>
Noon	Catered Dinner (included in price)!		
1:00-1:50	<p>Do You Think Virtual Reality or Augmented Reality are Impossible Dreams for Your Library? Think Again! with Denise Harders</p>	<p>Why you need a Programming Policy with Vicki Wood</p>	<p>The Basics of Microsoft Publisher with Todd Schlechte</p>
1:50-2:00	Break		
2:00-2:50	<p>Tips on Graphic Novel Collection and Programming with Russ Harper</p>	<p>What You Need in a Patron Behavior Policy with Christa Porter</p>	<p>Social Media to Reach Every Generation: What Would You Click On? with Amanda Sweet</p>
2:50-3:00	Please fill out evaluations!		

*Lower Meeting Room

Only \$25

Register at <http://bit.ly/extrav2020>

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH * 9:00-1:00

OMAHA * KEARNEY * SCOTTSBLUFF

Nebraska School Librarians Day

Connect with school librarians in your area to discuss important topics including the role of school libraries, the school librarian's role in reading, and topics chosen by attendees at each site.

COST INCLUDES LUNCH

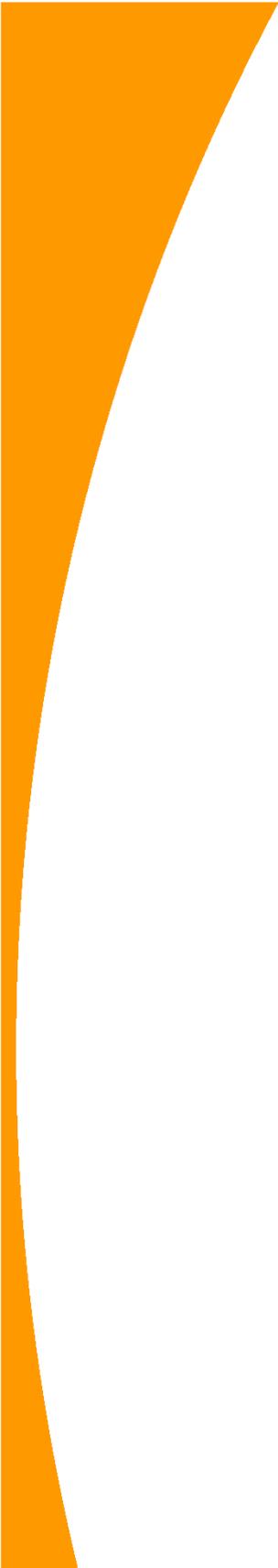
Members = \$10

Nonmembers = \$25 includes 1/2 year of membership

Nonmember Students = \$15 includes 1/2 year membership

Register on the NSLA website at neschoollibrarians.org





University of Missouri–Columbia
School of Information Science and
Learning Technologies (SISLT)

Nebraska & Iowa
Virtual Open House

**Saturday March 28, 2020
10-11:30 am**

Zoom (<https://mizzou.zoom.us/j/6042678514>)

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System Spotlight

Sharing Craft Ideas on Pinterest



As a result of an idea from CASTL, we have created an experimental collaborative SELS Pinterest Board that allows for the sharing of craft ideas between libraries.

In order to contribute to the board, you must be given access to it. Then you can pin or place ideas in it (usually pictures with links). This SELS board would likely appear in your Pinterest account as the last of your boards.

If you want to take part, please send Todd (at todd.schlechte.sels@gmail.com) the name or email address associated with the Pinterest account you use for programming or craft ideas. To see what our board looks like (just a few pins right now!), go to <https://www.pinterest.com/selsne/>. We hope you decide to contribute, because for this experiment to work, we need a few more pins and a few more people!

Southeast Library System

<http://libraries.ne.gov/SELS/>

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