



# Southeast Signal

*News, Events, and Information from Around the System*

## From the Director



This week is National Library Week. Why is this celebration of libraries important? Let me tell a long-winded tale to try and explain.

So, you are at some social function and you hear statements like:

“You don’t need to have kids do any schoolwork, they can learn anything they need from the internet.”

“Why do we need a grocery store? You can get everything you need from the internet.”

“I don’t see why banks are still around. I can get money from ATMs and deposit checks with my smart phone. Those buildings just eat up space.”

If you would hear any of the above statements, you might think the person saying them is a little bit naïve, or possibly just uninformed. Yet we hear people make the following statements about libraries:

“You don’t need libraries to learn stuff, they can get anything they need from the internet.”

“Why do we need a library? You can get everything you need from the internet.”

“I don’t see why libraries are still around. I can get stuff

from the internet and my smart phone. Those buildings just eat up space.”

These statements are similar to the first group, but for some reason they grab hold and continue being treated as truth.

Many people see libraries like a town blacksmith or horse-drawn buggy maker, obsolete and out of date. Possibly a niche hobby, but nothing more than that. Apparently the internet will replace everything.

But that isn’t the case. The internet is a tool that is used. We see schools changing to include internet-based options in their lessons and research resources. We see smaller stores offering unique things on the internet. Banks still build new buildings and restructure to allow more personal consultation in the buildings now that the basic tasks of banking can be automated.

Libraries are just like that – we use the internet to supplement collections and provide items we never had access to before. Like IBM going from making tabulators, calculators and meat slicers to selling computers and now providing computing services, and like Nokia who used to make paper products and now makes cell phones, libraries continued to evolve and change.

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## Calendar



**April 17**—Haiku Poetry Day

**April 22**—**CASTL Meeting:** Gere Branch Library, Lincoln  
“Collecting Local History”

**April 23**—Talk Like Shakespeare Day

**April 26**—National Pretzel Day

**April 27**—PLTS/SCYP in Kearney, p. 9

**April 28**—PLTS/SCYP in Ashland, p. 9

**April 29**—Arbor Day, SELS Office Closed

**May 1-7**—Choose Privacy Week

**May 1**—Mother Goose Day

**May 4**—Star Wars Day

**May 5**—Cinco de Mayo

**May 6**—National Space Day

**May 7**—National Train Day

**May 12**—SELS Friends “Aged to Perfection”, p.12

**May 13**—SELS Training Extravaganza, Seward Memorial Library, 9:30 am —3 pm, pp. 10-11

**May 21**—#READATHON2016

**May 26**—**CASTL Meeting:** Hruska Memorial Library, David City, “Favorite Books”

**May 27**—Golden Sower Reading Day, Seward Memorial Library

## Photo of the Month



Scott Childers, of Southeast Library System, presents School Librarian Megan Huenemann with a check for \$100. The Norris High School Library won this year’s Front Porch Award. Both students and the principal described the library in glowing terms. (Photo by Alissa Woockman, reporter for *The Voice News*.)

# CASTL Wrap-Up

## Upcoming CASTL Meetings

April 22

Lincoln—Gere Branch  
“Collecting Local History” with  
Cindy Drake

May 26

Hruska Memorial Library  
David City  
“Favorite Books”

June 30

Morton-James Public Library,  
Nebraska City  
“Escape Room”

July 21

Geneva Public Library  
“Weeding” with Denise Harders

August 18

Stromsburg Public Library  
“SRP: Lessons Learned”

September 23

Auburn Memorial Library

October 28

Dvoracek Memorial Library  
Wilber

The March CASTL meeting was held in Fairbury with 17 attendees. Librarians shared plans about summer reading, so that they could borrow and hone ideas for this year’s program, or save them for next year.

Types of events planned by SELS member libraries involve fishing, racecars, coding, geocaching, swim parties, scavenger hunts at businesses, 3D printing classes, Maker Camps, hot dogs (or ice cream or other food) for final event, Nebraska Extension partnerships, beach parties, and story walks.

Some libraries noted that they ask participants to log the amount of time they have read, others give points (which may vary by length of book), and one library uses “book bucks,” which can be used to buy prizes.

As far as funding, various sources were identified, and one library has the experience that it is easier to obtain business sponsorship when

they ask for funding for a specific special program.

The question was raised as to whether consent forms were needed for activities outside the library. It was noted that the actual liability depends on the city’s insurance coverage, and that likely most cities will not have coverage for activities outside the library. Signed consent forms are advisable even if there is coverage, because then the parents are aware that the activity is taking place outside the library.

There was also some discussion about Apollo reports (circulation reports on particular item types), as well as in house counting of materials.

# Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

Registration will be open soon for the next set of basic skills courses, offered through the Nebraska Library Commission. To see the full calendar & register for classes, [click here](#). Here’s what’s coming up next:

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration Open</u>
May 9 —May 20	Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship	April 1 —April 29
May 23—June 3	Library Finance	April 15 —May 13
June 6 —June 17	Reference	April 29 - May 27

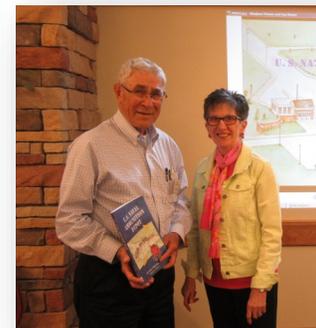
# News Around the System

## Hebron Secret Library Hosts Special Programs

By Terry Olson

Hebron Secret Library has been busy with special programs. A holiday Easter special was provided for the young at heart. Families and friends of all ages enjoyed Hippity Hop Story Time. Stories, crafts, and photos with the Easter Bunny made this a memorable occasion for all.

On April 10, Walter Miller provided a fascinating historical program based on his book *U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot*. The audience was captivated by the speaker's extensive knowledge of the NAD project near Hastings. It was truly a WOW program!



# News Around the System

## “Librarian Recommended”

*Photo and story by Monica Tidyman*

"Librarian Recommended" has been the most popular display we have ever done in Stromsburg. We have had to fill holes on the display almost daily and some of the books have been checked out more than once. Dorinda is a non-fiction reader and Monica is a fiction reader so that provided variety in the genres and authors represented. We have even laughed about how the bulletin board is plainer than usual, but no one cared, it's been the books that have caught their attention. The display and bulletin board are by Dorinda Brown.



## Milligan Public Library Welcomes Seniors

The Milligan Public Library provided a program for the March meeting of the senior citizens. Jim Dunker gave a program on what you should have prepared and what you should do in the event of an emergency in your home.



The library is also hosting "Afternoon Fun at the Library" for anyone interested in attending on the first Wednesday of each month. The last two sessions found people visiting, looking at old scrapbooks that were donated to the library and participating in adult coloring. The library board also has dominoes, Chinese checkers, puzzles, and Connect Four that hopefully will be used during future sessions.

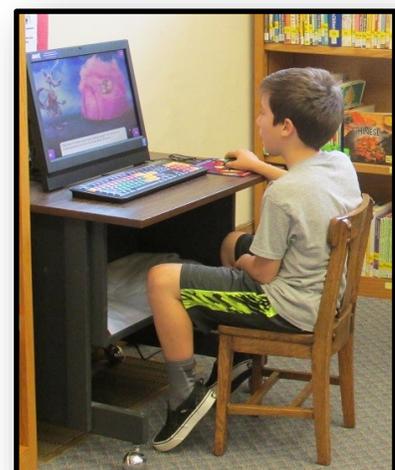
The photo was taken by Shirley Brunkow, treasurer of the library board, and she also made arrangements for the program.

## Fairbury Public Library Receives LSTA Grant

*By Debbie Aden*

The Fairbury Public Library received a 2016 Library Improvement Grant for \$2, 353 from the Nebraska Library Commission. It's Foundation provided a 25% match.

They purchased a bilingual AWE Learning Station with the grant. It has been used on a regular basis by young ESL learners.



# News Around the System

## Libraries are Relevant

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Our issues are not if we will make the changes necessary to keep libraries relevant. We are and have been since the first libraries formed. The real issue is to remind people about it; for us to go outside the library walls and let people know. That is why events like National Library Week are important.

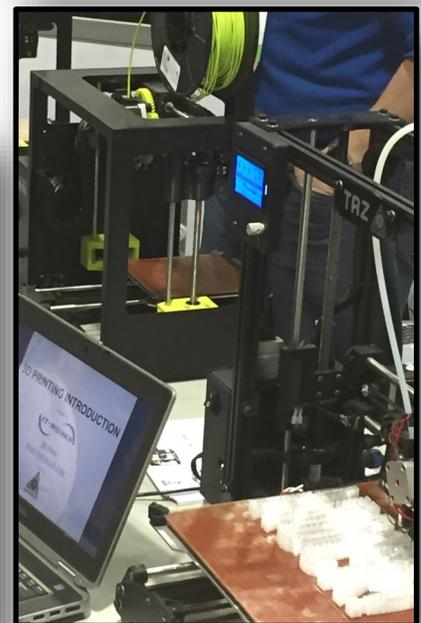
I hope you all celebrated and let people know that we are still here, still relevant to the communities we serve, and still evolving.

## Nebraska Represented Well at Public Library Association Conference

A number of SELS librarians made it out to the Public Library Association's Conference in Denver. Some took the NLA sponsored bus; others arrived by other modes of transportation. Over 8000 people registered for the conference, which had the theme "Be Extraordinary." Notice Julie Beno of Lincoln City Libraries on a bike at a "recharging station" in the exhibits hall. Generators were attached to the bikes, which powered outlets for device charging.. As the bikers recharged their energy levels, people recharging devices relaxed on comfortable seating. Below, a sculptured giant blue bear peered into the conference center. Also included are three pictures of a very crowded Makerspace and some sample products (presented by the Arapahoe Library District).



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## Other News



#READATHON2016

Find out more about  
#READATHON2016.  
It will be held May 21!

**Choose Privacy Week is May 1-7  
(#chooseprivacy).**

For resources and programming ideas, visit  
<https://chooseprivacyweek.org/>

**Save the Date: May 27**

**Golden Sower Reading Day**

**at Seward Memorial  
Library**

**9 am—3 pm**

The Nebraska Library Commission would like your help in planning future training sessions. Please [visit this link to complete a brief survey](#) on technology topics. Thanks for your input!

# SELS Board Elections

## SELS Board Candidates

Each year, the Southeast Library System holds elections for open board positions. Board membership is voted on by the director, dean, or otherwise head librarian of each library we support regardless of library type.

Calls for voting will be sent out via email on the morning of April 15 with a deadline of April 23.

Without further ado, here are the candidates for this year's board election:

### **Emily Dust Nimsakont**

Library: Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law

Position: Head of Cataloging and Resource Management

Bio: Emily has worked at Schmid Law Library since June 2015. Prior to that, she held the position of Cataloging Librarian at the Nebraska Library Commission for almost seven years. She teaches cataloging classes as an adjunct instructor for the University of Nebraska-Omaha and the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is currently the Chair of the Nebraska Library Association's Technical Services Round Table. Emily earned her master's degree in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She lives in Ashland, NE, and enjoys her community's new public library very much.

### **Jen Jackson**

My name is Jennifer Jackson. I am a current SELS Board Member and am running for my second term. I have worked for Barnes & Noble for the last 19 years. In my current position I work closely with both school and public libraries to fulfill their needs. Whether it be ordering and delivering books, presenting a book talk or providing information on the various programs we offer, serving libraries and librarians is hands-down my favorite part of the job! I have learned so much during my time on the Board and hope to continue being of service during a second term. Thanks for your consideration!

### **Sarah J. Johnson**

Sarah has been the Director of the Geneva Public Library since July 2014. She received her MLS from the University of Missouri-Columbia in July 2013. Prior to her current position in Geneva, she spent over a decade as librarian for NEBRASKAland Magazine at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Sarah has also enjoyed a few stints in Lincoln and Kearney public libraries and a South Dakota college library. She feels that this variety of experience has allowed her insight to different levels of government and budgets, as well as working with different sizes of work groups and teams.

Sarah is active in several community groups and organizations in Geneva, from Boy Scouts to Rotary. In her free time she enjoys playing board games with family, kayaking, attempting to quilt, and reading.

### **Heather St.Clair**

I began volunteering at my local library when I was fourteen and that led to a job working there. I started at a public library and moved into academic and special libraries, while in college. I received my MLIS from the University of Hawaii, and served as co-chair for the Student Chapter of SLA during my studies. I began my professional career at the Columbus (NE) Public Library, as their Reference Librarian, and since moved to Ashland as Director of the Ashland Public Library. I have spent my time here working towards a new building, which opened a little over a year ago and we are currently working on expanding our services to the community.



# Spring Meetings 2016!

- Tuesday, April 26 - Alliance Public Library
- Wednesday, April 27 - Kearney Public Library
- Thursday, April 28 - Ashland Public Library
- 9:30am registration 10:00am-3:30pm



## The Social Librarian: Creating an Engaging & Powerful Social Media Presence

Presenter: marketing expert Ali Schwanke, whose social media session at the 2015 Nebraska Library Association Annual Conference was standing room only and received rave reviews.

This session will provide you with the plan you need to craft a strong and creative social media presence, along with the ideas, resources (many of them are free!) and software to efficiently bring it to life. We'll audit real-life social media accounts and identify strategies for improvement. If you'd like to have your social media reviewed as part of the training, please contact Ali at [ali@alischwanke.com](mailto:ali@alischwanke.com).

## Breakout Sessions:



- BookTalking with Ease presented by Pat Leach, PLTS chair and library director, Lincoln City Libraries



- Guerrilla Storytime
- Welcome: Commander's Palace Culture at Your Library Presented by Rebecca McCorkindale, SCYP chair & assistant library director, Gretna Public Library



- Presenting Your Best Self When Networking & Public Speaking presented by Ali Schwanke

- \$30 per person
- Lunch on your own
- Register online before April 22: [nebraskalibraries.org/event/2016PLTSSCYPSSpring](http://nebraskalibraries.org/event/2016PLTSSCYPSSpring) (payments made either online or by check)

Questions? Contact Pat at [p.leach@lincolnlibraries.org](mailto:p.leach@lincolnlibraries.org) or Rebecca at [gpl.asstdirector@gmail.com](mailto:gpl.asstdirector@gmail.com).

Presented by both the Public Library & Trustee, and the School, Children's, & Young People's Sections of the Nebraska Library Association with support from the Nebraska Regional Library Systems.



## SELS Training Extravaganza

**May 13, 2016 at Seward Memorial Library**

**9:30 – 3:00**

	Room 1	Room 2	Lab
9:30 – 10:00		Welcome & Refreshments	
10:00-10:50	<b>Robot Invasion!</b> with Kent Steen	<b>Successful Interviewing and Hiring</b> with Jodene Glaesemann and Julie Beno	<b>MyHeritage for Librarians</b> with Martha Grenzeback
Break		Break	
11:00-11:50	<b>SPICE UP Your Programming for Young Children with Spanish Language Experiences</b> with Karen Drevo	<b>Psychiatric Disorders in the Community</b> with H. John Lehnhoff, Ph.D.	<b>Hands-On with OverDrive Marketplace Usage Reports and Support Tools</b> with Susan Knisely
Lunch		Lunch	
1:00 – 1:50	<b>Programming that Doesn't Break the Staff or the Budget:</b> Panel Discussion	<b>Libraries on the Edge</b> with Scott Childers	<b>Clouding Up</b> with Craig Lefteroff
Break		Break	
2:00-2:50	<b>Booktalking 101</b> with Pat Leach	<b>Making Your Catalog Work for Your Community</b> with Emily Nimsakont	<b>Maker Camps</b> with Megan Boggs

**\$25 fee includes lunch!**

*For session descriptions, see next page!*

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

## Overview of Sessions and Labs

### **Robot Invasion! with Kent Steen**

The robots are coming! Learn how Lincoln Public Schools elementary students are learning to code using a variety of robots. Participants will learn about Dash and Dot, Ozobot, Bee-bot, Sphero, and more.

### **Successful Interviewing and Hiring with Jodene Glaesemann and Julie Beno**

This workshop will provide you with a process to hire the best fitting candidate for your position. This process begins with reviewing the open position and position description, followed by writing and reviewing interview questions, interviewing, and then evaluating the candidates.

### **MyHeritage for Librarians with Martha Grenzeback**

Get some hands-on practice with MyHeritage, the NebraskaAccess genealogy database, and learn how to help your patrons research their family history.

### **SPICE UP Your Programming for Young Children with Spanish Language Experiences with Karen Drevo**

Even librarians who speak little to no Spanish can immediately add Spanish language experiences to your usual programming for young children. English speakers learn some Spanish and Spanish speakers are welcomed into the community.

### **Psychiatric Disorders in the Community with H. John Lehnhoff, Ph.D.**

Based off presentations to police departments, this workshop should help you feel more comfortable around mentally ill or agitated persons who enter or use the library.

### **Hands-On with OverDrive Marketplace Usage Reports and Support Tools with Susan Knisely**

Learn how to find out circulation numbers for Overdrive titles in your library, where your patron is in the hold queue, and more at this special training on the administrative side of Overdrive. Please bring your Overdrive Marketplace password.

### **Programming that Doesn't Break the Staff or the Budget with the Nebraska Writer's Guild (Gina Barlean, Bonnie Lacy), NPPD (Mark Miller), Nebraska Humanities (Mary Yager), and Live from Wahoo (Diane Wolfe, Dave Privett).**

Don't feel like you have the staff or the budget to host quality programming at your library? Panel Presenters will explain how you can use their organizations as resources for a variety of programs.

### **Libraries on the Edge with Scott Childers**

Edge is a set of tools that can be used to assess your libraries technology levels in equipment, staff skills, and policies. These tools identify areas to work on and specifically focuses recommendations on working with the community decision makers. Edge is designed for public libraries, but there are parts that could be used by any type of library of any size.

### **Clouding Up with Craig Lefteroff**

If your desktop's cluttered with documents or you're running out of space for pictures and videos, cloud storage might be just right for you. By using the cloud, you can save space on your computer and have access to your files through any Internet connection. In this session, we'll examine the major providers of storage, such as Dropbox and Google Drive, and talk about the best methods for ensuring reliability and security. We'll also have some hands-on practice at uploading and accessing content from the cloud.

### **Booktalking 101 with Pat Leach**

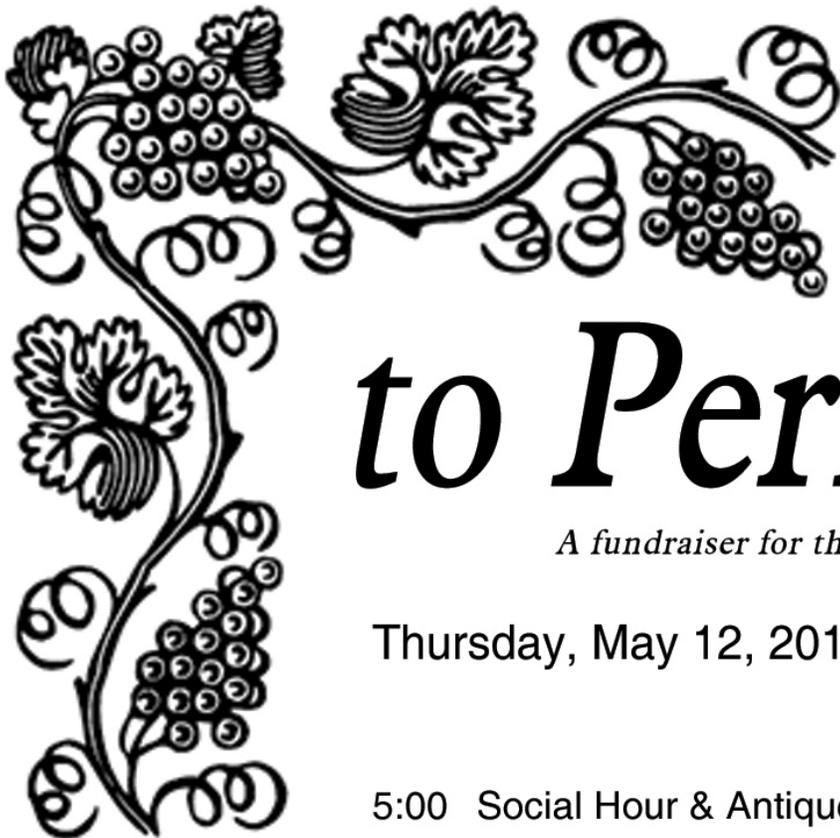
Some basic ideas for how to talk about books you've read, and also about books you haven't read, to provide great service to your customers and community

### **Making Your Catalog Work for Your Community: How to Develop Local Cataloging Standards with Emily Nimsakont**

When it comes to cataloging and classification, consistency obtained through standards is important. That does not mean you have to be at the mercy of the national standards. This presentation will cover many ways in which you can adapt catalog records to make sure they work for your library users – from homegrown classification systems to local subject headings – and offer tips to make sure these practices still provide the consistency needed in a good catalog.

### **Maker Camps with Megan Boggs**

What exactly is a Maker Camp? How do you apply to become an official Campsite? And what are some other good alternatives?



# Aged to Perfection

*A fundraiser for the Southeast Library System Friends*

Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Becky Pasco's House

*6217 Tanglewood Circle  
Lincoln, Nebraska*

- 5:00 Social Hour & Antique check-in
- 6:00 Dinner (sub sandwich, chips, salads & desserts)
- 6:30 Informational/Appraisal Program by Tom Bassett
- 8:00 Door prize drawing

Available wines will feature Nebraska vs. California varieties. Come prepared to sample some of each!



Your \$25 registration fee includes food, wine, a door prize ticket, and the appraisal of two antiques if you are a current SELS Friends member. If you are not currently a member, please bring one item for appraisal.

If you have never been a member of SELS Friends, join now and your membership will extend through June 2017. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org).



To register, please fill out and return this form by May 6, 2016:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please include \$25 for each person registering and mail to:

Southeast Library System Friends  
233 South 5th Street  
Seward, NE 68434

Admission will be \$20 at the door. (No food included.)

# School Librarians in the Digital Age

**June 10, 2016**  
**9:30 am – 3 pm**

Computer Lab A  
Lincoln Public Schools District Office  
5905 O Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510

Online Registration:  
<http://bit.ly/June10SchoolLibrarians>

Sponsored by:

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## **WORKSHOPS:**

10 am – 12 pm  
**Using  
NebraskAccess  
Databases in  
Schools**  
Susan Knisely

12 pm  
**Lunch**  
At nearby eateries

1 pm – 2 pm  
**Digital  
Citizenship**  
Chris Pultz and Chris  
Haeffner

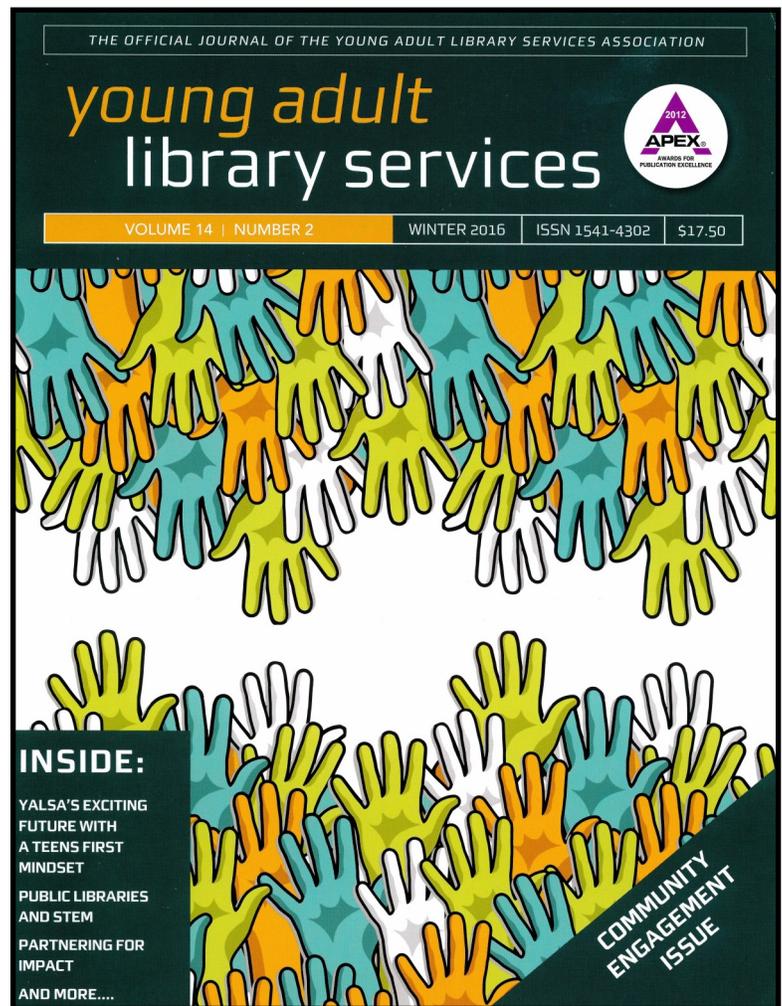
2 pm – 3 pm  
**This is not  
your Grand-  
mother's  
Library**  
Cynthia Stodgill

# System Spotlight

## *Young Adult Library Services*

### Added to Journal Article Request Service

This journal is now a part of our journal article request service. If interested in receiving articles from this journal, please email the SELS office at [selsne@gmail.com](mailto:selsne@gmail.com). For more information, see the [journal article request service](#) page on our website.



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