



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



Keyboards and mice are the usual method of interacting with computers. But for many of our users, this is not a method that works. There is a good

percentage of our patrons that need to use alternative methods of accessing their computers. For example, this article's first draft was composed using speech to text technology built into Windows 10. This is free, and fairly feature rich, but those who depend on it may need something more powerful.

As someone who normally uses a keyboard, I found this not just physically different but mentally as well. There's only a small amount of input I could put in at once. My sentences were shorter and vocabulary was simpler. There's also the physical issue of dealing with a microphone. It sometimes picked up external noises and thought they belonged in the text.

I also found myself not speaking with the regular cadence. I would tend to speak in 3 to 4 word chunks so I could correct things before they were lost in the rest of the text.

I was also a bit concerned that I would annoy those around me as I would talk like I was doing a bad William Shatner impersonation. Having to pause and edit in this stop and start manner affected my ability to write and hold a thought.

I found this similar to when I tried to learn sign language - a lot of stopping, starting, redoing and spelling slowly the words I wanted to express.

Using this type of software takes time and a quiet space. Learning to use it fully requires patience. Assisting patrons also requires patience. It is certainly something that requires the patron to learn a lot by themselves. I found myself "stuck" in some menus that I didn't see any way to get out of, except by using the mouse and keyboard.

(Note: Only the first draft was composed through speech to text – the multiple revisions and layout were not.)

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Calendar

July 13, National French Fry Day

July 14, Brian Selznick's birthday

July 15, National Ice Cream Day

July 19, National Hotdog Day

July 22, National Hammock Day

July 26, [CASTL, "Open Meeting Law," Stromsburg Public Library](#)

July 26, Jan Berenstain's birthday

July 28, National Dance Day

July 31, J.K. Rowling's birthday

August 2, National Coloring Book Day

August 5, National Friendship Day

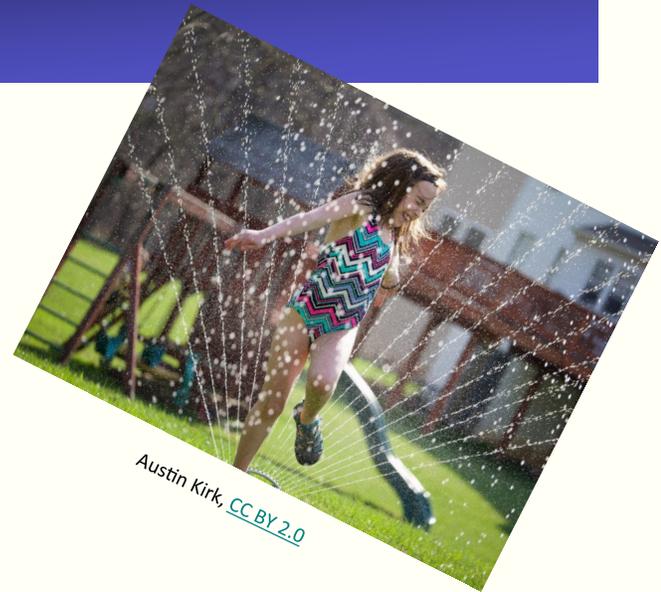
August 9, National Book Lovers Day

August 10, Suzanne Collin's birthday

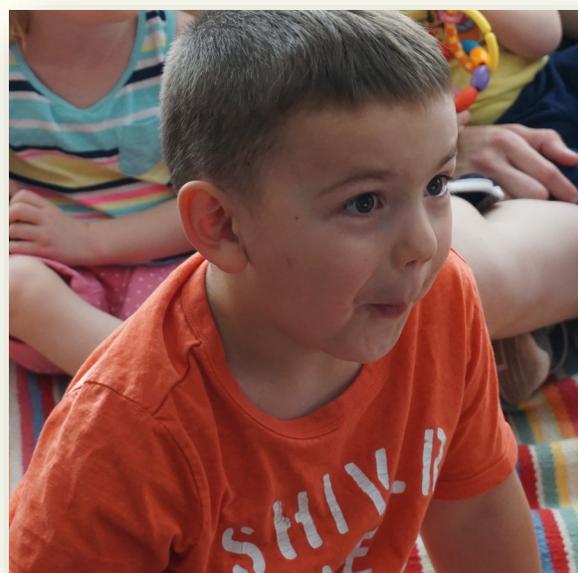
August 16, [Information Security and Collection Development Workshop](#), Seward Memorial Library

September 6-7, [Joint Youth Services Retreat, Camp Carol Joy Holling](#)

October 4-6, [NLA/NSLA Joint Conference](#)



Photos of the Month



The recently opened Odell Nebraska Public Library has 25 kids enrolled in Summer Reading. These photos, taken by Catherine Renshaw, are of the June 29th Story Time at the Library. Readers are a retired teacher and her granddaughter.

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

July 26
Stromsburg Public Library
“Open Meeting Law”

August 24
Falls City Library & Art Center
“Grants for Small Town Libraries”

September 20
Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln
“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the NLC”

October 19
Jennifer Reinke Public Library, Deshler
“Sharing of Annual Reports”

November 9
Alice M. Farr Library
Aurora
“Bibliostat”

The July CASTL was hosted by Sutton Memorial Library. This was the first time we held CASTL there and in honor of the occasion – carnival rides filled the streets in front of the library. OK, they were not really for us, but there were carnival rides!

The themed discussion was about state statute for libraries, specifically parts of Chapter 51. A good chunk was spent on what the board makeup should be according to state statute. Chapter 51 is really sparse with specifics – it mandates the board is at least 5 members and that there are 2 officers, a president and secretary. Who makes up that board is left up to local ordinance. Is it just people within city limits? Does it include county representations? Is there “districting” within city limits?

State statute also gives us guidance on the process of getting bills paid for. The board president and secretary sign off on vouchers that then go to the city clerk or administrator to be paid. Some boards have all of the board members sign vouchers, but that is not required by state law.

One thing to remember is that a lot of what some people think is a state law might actually be a guideline from the old accreditation process. State law focuses on the governance of the library and the library board. It does not have anything regarding weeding, hours, and many other parts of running the library.

As always if you have questions on this topic – feel free to contact the SELS office.

Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

To see the list of 2018 classes, [click here](#). Here’s what’s coming up next:

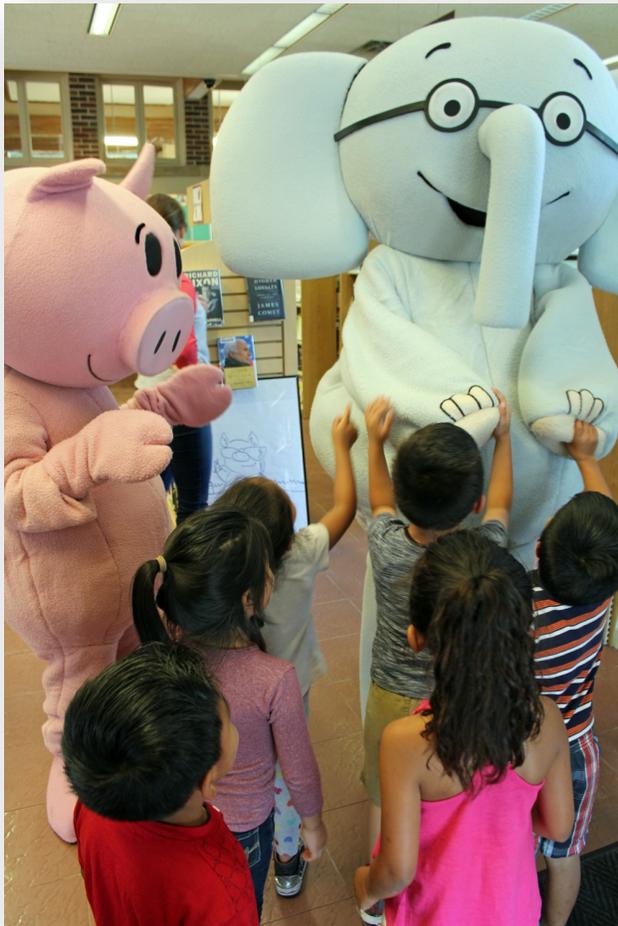
<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration</u>
July 30—August 10	Collection Management	July 2—July 20
August 20 —August 31	Library Policy	July 23—August 10
Sept. 10—Sept. 21	Programming & Outreach	August 13—August 31

News Around the System

“Book-O-Matic” at the Crete Public Library

Story and photos by Joy Stevenson

At the kick off for the summer reading program in Crete, a special treat was in store for the kids. By following the instruction on the front of the “machine”, a child would drop in a coin that they earned by participating in the kick off activities. They then indicate their age by pushing in the appropriate button. After some shaking about by the “wizard” inside of the Book-O-Matic accompanied with sound effects, a book was presented to the child.



Tim Renker, husband of the youth librarian, Laura, discovered something similar to this from an article in the Mother Nature Network. The article describes something called “Biblio-Mat”, a vending machine that randomly distributes an old and unusual book for two dollars. In order to create our own Book-O-Matic, a refrigerator box was found and painted. The knobs that the child pressed to indicate their age was made from toilet paper roll with a stopper at both ends.

Needless to say, this was one of the star attractions from our kick off, probably tied with Elephant and Piggie.

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Summer Reading at Fairmont Public Library

By Wanda Marget

Fairmont Public Library had 22 kids this summer for Summer Reading. The photo to the right is of the bunch after making shakers out of plastic eggs.



Kids painting their pet rocks.



Reading Continues at Aurora Jr.-Sr. High Media Center

By Emmy Fiala

Here's a peek at my summer bookmarks!



News Around the System

Two Special Activities in Central City on July 2nd

Article and photos by Sara Lee



Fullerton authors Barbara Dush-Micek and Nancy Hansen visited the Central City Public Library on Monday, July 2nd, for an author talk and book signing. The two women were inspired to work hard to bring the unheard stories of Nebraska authors and veterans to light. In 2013, they published *Nebraska Authors* (featuring 52 writers from all over the state). They followed it with *Nebraskans Remember*, (which tells the stories of 50 Nebraska military

members), and most recently with *Nebraskans Remember, vol. 2* (published in 2018). One of the stories they discussed was the story of a US Marine by the name of Warren Jorgensen.

“God’s providence, discipline, and thinking-of-home is what Warren “Jorg” Jorgenson attributed to surviving three prisoner-of-war camps for over three years, as well as life itself.” His story (in their book *Nebraskans Remember, vol. 2*), includes POW information, as well as being reunited with his first love many years later (after she thought he was deceased for years).

On the same day Lindsey Douglas (Director of Public Affairs-Corporate Relations of Union Pacific Railroad) was at the Central City Public Library to present a special proclamation and a commemorative golden spike on behalf of the railroad to the City of Central City. Union Pacific is in the midst of a two-year celebration commemorating the Great Race to complete the transcontinental railroad nearly 150 years ago. Its crews built railroad tracks west of Omaha, Nebraska, while Central Pacific constructed east of Sacramento, California. A symbolic golden spike was driven at a ceremony when the railroads met in Promontory Summit, Utah,

May 10, 1869.

The library has the commemorative golden spike and Central City banner on display. For more information about the Great Race to Promontory, go to:

<https://www.up.com/goldenspike>



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Music and Magic in DeWitt

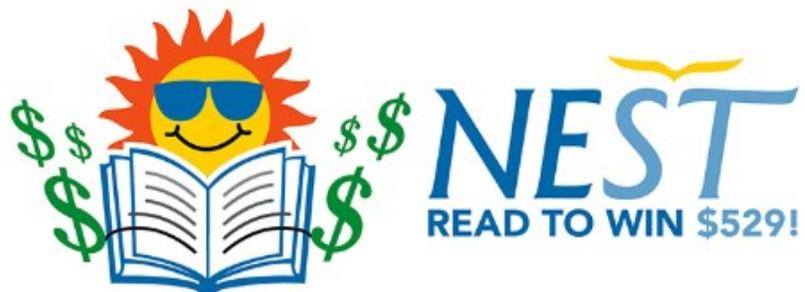
Story and photo courtesy of Liz Poessnecker

Burkley Library and Resource Center hosted magician Jeff Quinn as part of DeWitt Days. Children and adults enjoyed his presentation which related to the *Libraries Rock* theme.



Entering your Summer Reading Kids in the NEST 529 Contest

For a summary of the NEST 529 Contest, and directions on how to enter your Summer Reading participants, see <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/youth/summerreading/scholarshipdrawing.aspx>



Apply today for

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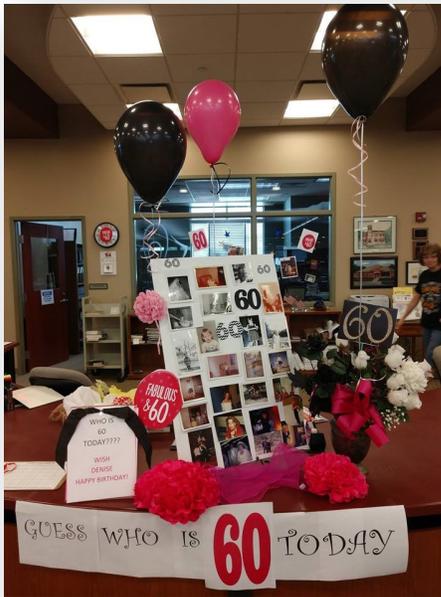
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Apply by July 20th, 2018 at nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/InnovationStudios

News Around the System

Somebody Turned 60!

Photos by Carrie Trutna



Wahoo Public Library celebrated Library Director's Denise Lawler's birthday on July 6th!

New Magicians in Clarks

Story and photo by Barbee Sweet

Last week the Clarks Public Library hosted magician Jeff Quinn. The show ignited many new magicians and was a great way to spend the afternoon!



Two Great Themes in One Workshop!

Information Security Collection Development Tips and Tricks

August 16, Seward Memorial Library



4 CE, Free lunch

10 am—3 pm

For more information and to register check out

<http://bit.ly/16AugEvent>

24th Annual Youth Services Retreat

Presentations include:

- ◆ Great Books for Teens and Tweens
- ◆ Virtual Programs: Prehistoric Creatures and more
- ◆ “Booktalk” your favorite websites, resources, and solutions
- ◆ Mental Illness and Youth Services
- ◆ Recommended Books for Children 2017/2018
- ◆ Escape Rooms and Table Top Conundrums
- ◆ Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Programming
- ◆ Tips on Graphic Novel Collection and Programming
- ◆ How to Improve Your Chances of Obtaining a Youth Services Grant

11 CE

September 6-7

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

For full program and

registration: <http://bit.ly/2018JYSR>

System Spotlight

Journal Article Request Service

You can request articles through us from a variety of professional magazines and journals. If you are interested in receiving articles from a journal, please see the [journal article request service](#) page on our website for a list of available journals, as well as directions on how to enroll in the service.



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