



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



Due to an increase in questions about this topic I've received recently, I'm going to "rerun" what I wrote for the December 2016 newsletter as a refresher (with some minor grammatical edits). I

checked and found no new interpretations or changes since then. As always – this shouldn't be construed as legal advice and if in doubt, talk to an attorney.

A question came up recently about libraries setting up viewing parties for various sporting events. I've dug in a bit to see if I could find a definitive answer and found something sometimes known as the "Homestyle Exemption" that was added to US copyright code in 1998. The full text of 17 U.S. Code § 110 - Limitations on exclusive rights: Exemption of certain performances and displays, can be found at:

<https://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap1.html#110>

For libraries, the main part would be part 5 which, in an extremely abbreviated list, says that you can show broadcasts if:

- You don't charge for admission

- Your establishment is under 2,000 square feet
- You have no more than 4 televisions showing the broadcast, none of them being larger than 55 inches (diagonal)
- There is no rebroadcast of the original broadcast. To break it down even more – you can't stream your viewing party on the internet or record it for future viewing.

Yes, those numbers seem arbitrary, but they are right there in the code. Now – in a quick and dirty search, I didn't find court cases that would give more specific guidance on this part of the code and I've seen various lawyers comment on their blogs both for and against, usually based on their interpretation on if receiving the broadcast through cable is really "broadcast" or if the audio of the broadcast is allowed with the video.

So, would I feel comfortable setting up a viewing party at a library now knowing this? Actually, I would in many cases. If you would want a more definitive answer for your own situation, you may want to get a professional's opinion.

A few things to remember if you do proceed to have viewing parties of live TV events:

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Calendar



September 12, National Video Games day

September 13, [Building and Maintaining a Library Website with Wordpress](#)

September 15, Batman Day

September 15—October 15, National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 16, National Play-Doh Day

September 19, Talk Like a Pirate Day

September 20, [CASTL, Yutan and Mead Public Libraries](#)

September 22, Hobbit Day

September 22-28, [Banned Books Week](#)

September 24, National Voter Registration Day

September 25, [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#)

October, Health Literacy Month

October 6, National Noodle Day

October 14, Columbus Day, SELS Office Closed

October 18, [Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information at Your Library](#)

Nov. 22, First [Summer Reading Program Workshop](#) (see pp. 7 & 10)

Photo of the Month



From the presentation “Storytelling: A Personal Touch in this Digital World” at the Youth Services Retreat.

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

September 20
Yutan Public Library, Mead Public Library
“Summer Reading Successes”

October 25
Wymore Public Library
“Board Meeting Minutes”

November 15
Geneva Public Library
“Hoopla”

Our August 23rd host at Dvoracek Memorial Library was Sharon Kastanek, who provided us with some delicious kolaches as refreshments.

Monica Macoubrie of Nebraska Game and Parks was our presenter. Game and Parks offers libraries a wide variety of resources, including curriculums for programs such as Growing Up Wild (for 2 to 10 year olds), which provides 27 lessons. Each lesson includes multiple activities which teach math, reading, letter recognition, science, social studies and incorporate music and movement. Game and Parks also is willing to provide Educator workshops, which are two hour workshops designed for librarians and other educators to prepare them to offer these programs, with a free curriculum guide and resources provided.

One of the resources that Game and Parks provides is Trail Tales, a free 4th grade version of NEBRASKALand. Others are posters, pamphlets, and the tracks matching game.

Of special interest to libraries are the Project Wild Education trunks, which Nebraska Game and Parks loans for free. For example, the Mammals of Nebraska trunk features actual skulls, real furs, rubber scat, track replicas, children's books, and curriculum guides. (These come very highly recommended by SELS librarians who have used them!)

Game and Parks even loan out towable trailers for special events. These contain materials for 13 activities.

Separate from the presentation, a handout listing free or cheap virtual field trip programs in Nebraska and throughout the US was also given to CASTL librarians. Humanities Nebraska was also mentioned as a good source of cheap programming.

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>
Oct. 7—Oct. 18	Community and Library	September 9—September 27
Oct. 21—Nov. 1	Management and Supervision	September 23—October 11
Nov. 4—Nov. 15	Leadership	October 7—October 25

News Around the System

Renovations at the Dvoracek Memorial Library

At the August 23 CASTL meeting we had a chance to observe recent renovations at Dvoracek Memorial Library in Wilber. Below are photos showcasing new windows, booth style tables, new computer equipment and furniture, and new carpet in the Czech Heritage Room.



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- This exemption does not cover any pay-per-view events or streaming services (so Netflix is out)
- The program or event must be shown live. This exemption doesn't allow you to tape or DVR the program and show it later
- You may be able to show it – but you may not be able to use the name or graphics of the event in your advertising. For example – the NFL aggressively protects the use of the “Super Bowl” trademark in any type or form of advertising. That’s why you see many supermarkets advertising “Big Game” specials for the weekend of the Super Bowl.

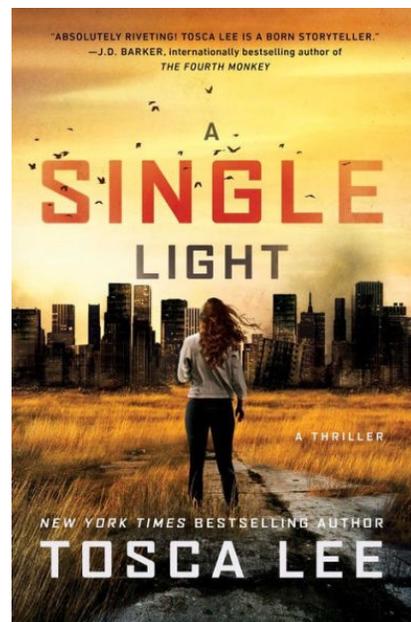
So in short – there is something in copyright law that suggests that showing a live broadcast of a sporting event or even a television show’s premier or finale is fine for a library to do if you follow some strict guidelines, but there’s been little to no actual test of those sections in a court of law to really nail down specifics for these types of events.

News Around the System

Seward Memorial Library to Host Tosca Lee

By Charlotte Baldinger

Suspense, intrigue and the paranormal describe the contents of Tosca Lee's novels. Seward Memorial Library will host the award-winning, New York Times bestselling author Tosca Lee on Sunday, September 22 at 2 p.m. Lee, who has written more than a dozen books, will talk about her newly released novel *A Single Light*. This book, which will be available in September, is the sequel to her popular medical thriller *The Line Between*. Many of Lee's books feature historical and Biblical characters, but she also enjoys giving her readers suspenseful tales which include the supernatural. Her afternoon presentation will include information on writing books for TV. Join the staff in welcoming this popular Nebraska author to our community. Her books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served.



#comevisitourhive

Provided by Heather Koenecke

Each year our county leadership class has to do a project. This year's class focused on bringing tourism to the county. The end result were these "bee-utiful" sculptures. The bee was chosen because it is Nebraska's state insect. We then also found out that in 1975, one of Auburn's local elementary



teachers and her class discovered many states had designated state insects, but Nebraska did not. Louise Howe and her students followed the legal process and even went to the State Capital to watch their "Honeybee" idea become adopted as the state insect! We have 26 of these unique sculptures all around the county! The sculpture above is sponsored by the Auburn Library Foundation. #comevisitourhive

News Around the System

Teddy Bear Sleepover at Fairbury Public Library

Story and photos by Linda Dux

Teddy Bear sleepover was a huge success at the Fairbury Public Library. Our little guests had to spend two nights with us!



Teddy Bear Sleep Over: Mission to Mars to Rescue Teddy A. Bear!



While attempting to make a 3D replica of him, Teddy was sucked into a black hole and ported to MARS! We must save him! While we prepare to board the spaceship, let's look through the telescope and see what Teddy is doing!



Teddy being sucked into the black hole!



Teddy makes friends with MARTIANS!!! And their MARTIAN dog!!!

The MARTIANS share a book about MARS, written by the famous astronaut, Buzz Aldrin!



Flight home!!!

News Around the System

Hebron Secret Library has a New Bulletin Board

Provided by Judy Kassenbaum

In Hebron the library continues to promote and celebrate the city's 150th anniversary celebration with a new bulletin board.



Read Aloud Nebraska on November 1

Registration is now open for the 2019 Fall RAN Workshop featuring Lauren Baratz-Logsted, Cyndi Giorgis, and Megan Cox Gurdon as well as many wonderful breakout sessions. The workshop will take place on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Seward Memorial Library. Advance registrations must be received by October 25. Complete information can be found here: www.readaloudnebraska.org/events/2019-fall-ran-workshop/



The application deadline to become a Read Aloud Partner for 2019-20 is Nov. 1! Just fill out a quick and easy form on our website and you're set! www.readaloudnebraska.org/read-aloud-partners/

SELS to Offer Two Summer Reading Program Workshops for 2020

In the recent past, SELS has offered its Summer Reading Workshop in the fall, giving librarians plenty of time to plan and prepare their Summer Reading programs. This workshop has also been very successful over the last couple of years, with good evaluations and high attendance. In fact, attendance has become high enough that we were worried about overcrowding this year, and therefore we have decided to hold two Summer Reading workshops. The first will be at Walt Branch Library in Lincoln on November 22, and the second will be at Syracuse Public Library on March 13. For more information, see the flyer on page 10!



News From ALA

Celebrate Banned Books Week!

The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) offers several resources and activities for libraries and readers that highlight the Banned Books Week 2019 theme "Censorship Leaves Us in the Dark. Keep the Light On."

The Dear Banned Author letter-writing campaign encourages readers to reach out to banned or challenged authors via letters, emails, and tweets. The program aims to raise awareness of books that are threatened with censorship and ignite discussions about the essential access to a variety of library materials. Authors have also shared fan letters as support when there's a public challenge to their books.

Libraries are invited to host letter-writing programs. Printable postcards and author mailing addresses can be found on the Dear Banned Author webpage. Eligible tweets to or about banned and challenged authors with the hashtag #DearBannedAuthor will be entered into a drawing to win Banned Books Week materials. Learn more and read the Official Rules before entering.

OIF staff will explore censorship themes with two free webinars designed for libraries and schools to stream as programs during Banned Books Week celebrations. Anyone is welcome to register and attend.

One will be "Ask Me Anything About Censorship" and will stream on Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. CST. OIF Assistant Director Kristin Pekoll will briefly explore banned book and censorship history, along with ways readers can stay alert about censorship. Attendees are invited to ask questions during the second half of the discussion.

Library workers are also invited to join the free webinar "Three Ways Librarians Can Combat Censorship" on Monday, Sept. 23, hosted by SAGE Publishing, Index on Censorship magazine, and OIF. During the webinar, librarians will share their experiences and tips with navigating censorship.

For more information see <http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2019/09/libraries-keep-light-during-banned-books-week>



Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information at Your Library



Seward Memorial Library Computer Lab

Oct. 18, 10 am—3 pm

Lunch included, 4 CE!

This hands-on class will cover the role of the librarian in providing health information to the public. Participants will leave equipped with knowledge of top consumer health sites. We will discuss creative ideas for health information outreach and will wrap-up with an opportunity to explore effective marketing approaches.

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

This program is supported in part 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.



Summer Reading Program 2020 Workshops



Imagine Your Story

Walt Branch Library

Lincoln, NE

10—3:15

November 22, 2019

4 CE

Syracuse Public Library

Syracuse, NE

10—3:15

March 13, 2020

4 CE

FREE! Topics will include: 1. Fairy Tales, Legends, Myths, Oh My! Hear About New Titles 2. Imagination Stations: Tween Programming for Summer Reading 2020 3. Activities to Fire Up Imagination in Children 4. Summer Crafts Sampler and 5. Outreach and School Partnerships.

Registration is available now for the Walt Branch Library workshop at <http://bit.ly/SRPW2020>.

Registration will become available for the Syracuse Public Library workshop in January. The content of the workshops will be the same.

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System Spotlight

CASTL

CASTL is a monthly meeting where public library directors can get together and learn from one another. Officially known as “Conversations Among Small Town Librarians,” each meeting has a themed discussion or presentation. There is also a round-robin discussion where everyone can share what’s going on at their library, ask questions, and talk about solutions to issues in a confidential setting. And, of course, we eat! CASTL offers you a monthly break from your library and wonderful support from your fellow directors. Normally, a CASTL counts for 4 CE credit. For information on upcoming CASTL meetings check page three of this newsletter and sign up for the CASTL email list by contacting Todd at todd.schlechte.sels@gmail.com.



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

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