Library Blogs & Bloggers: What Do You Read?

You know how one thing leads to another and so on. That happened to me today as I was struggling to decide what I wanted to write about for this page. I happened to check my email and there was a message from Laura England-Biggs, youth services librarian at Keene Memorial Library in Fremont.

Laura and I had both been at the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute reunion where we had discussed eBooks and the frustration and problems associated with libraries acquiring them for the collection. Laura had sent me a site with a good article, *Ebook Strategy and Public Libraries: Slow Just Won’t Work Anymore* by Pat Losinski, CEO of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. 


The article was posted on Library Journal’s blog, The Digital Shift. If Laura had not sent this to me, I would have missed this excellent article as I don’t subscribe or check as many library blogs as I could/should. I know it is important as being a librarian today you need to constantly keep up with what is new and blogs have the most current information. But, there just is not enough time, sure many of you have the same problem. In the old days, we could “keep up” if we read or skimmed library periodicals. Now, at times it seems overwhelming.

This lead me to start checking on library blogs—I Googled it. There are lots of sites listing library blogs, some are general and some more specific. Again, it seemed overwhelming until I found a site that I liked, *Get Degrees Schools Careers Reviews* which has a listing of The Top Fifty Librarian Blogs. This site is sectioned into personal blogs, Collective and Community, Libraries and Reference, Fun Stuff, and Twitters.

www.detdegrees.com/careers/_the-top-fifty-librarian-blogs

There were some blogs and bloggers I do read or at least check occasionally, Jenny Levine, Stephen Abram, Michael Stephens, Jessamyn West, and Karen Schneider, but there were others that I will look, some for information and some for fun.

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Librarian Avengers -- In 1997, young Erica Firment wrote a short essay called “Why You Should Fall to Your Knees and Worship a Librarian.” Over a decade later, she is blogger, a User Experience Designer for online community Second Life, and a librarian herself. She blogs about technology, literature, librarianship, and her adventures along the way.

In the Library with the Lead Pipe -- Written by six librarians (like the Clue characters, get it?) from across the United States, who aren’t without their merits: at the moment, two of the six are nominated for office within the ALA. This blog features essays and guest articles focusing on working together to improve libraries and the librarian community.

Alternative Teen Services -- For teens by teens, this blog describes itself as a "grassroots web site" dedicated to serving teenagers through library services. The teenagers who maintain the site blog about books, technology, and sharing their ideas amongst the supportive environment they are helping to create.

Judge a Book by Its Cover -- Similar in nature, but the former is the work of a high school librarian while the latter works at a public library. The results are clever comments on unintentionally hilarious book covers, from teen drama to vintage romance.

The Laughing Librarian -- Life in the information science world can be stressful, but this particular blog is there to provide a library-related laugh, whether from amusing YouTube clips to quotes and jokes. It seems to be updated ever more sporadically, but worth checking.

Library Link of the Day -- One link per day, presented up front and sans commentary. What could be better? It might be a fun read, a valuable resource, or an interesting library-related news tidbit, but it’s always new and always library-related.

Library Lovers’ LiveJournal -- Taking interactive blogging to another level, this is a LiveJournal group where librarians, library science students, and even just library aficionados can congregate to post and converse on topics related to information and literature. Check out their User Info links for great resources!

Send me what blogs / bloggers you follow and why and I will post them on our web page at www.elsne.org.

Thanks to Laura for getting me to look into blogs!

July 26-28 - Tech Rodeo @ Doane College in Crete. A 48-hour learning experience on current and future use of technology.

July 27th—NEMA/NLSA Professional Development at UNO. For more information contact: Stacy Lickteig — stacy.lickteig@ops.org

July 28th—Norfolk Public Library 18th Annual Literature Festival. Call Karen or Marci for more information—402-844-2100

August 3rd - CLICK Meeting, Gretna Public Library, 9:30 am. Contact Jean Slowinski if you can attend—jslowinski123@gmail.com

August 10th - ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am— John A. Stahl Library, West Point

August 21st and 22nd — Technology Planning Summer Camp 2: Don’t Just Survive, Thrive—Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island. Contact Christa Burns for more information christa.burns@nebraska.gov

September 5th and 6th — Technology Planning Summer Camp 2: Don’t Just Survive, Thrive—Divots Conference Center in Norfolk. Contact Christa Burns for more information christa.burns@nebraska.gov

September 13th and 14th — ELS/SELS Youth Services Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp in Ashland. Registration will be available soon.

October 12th — ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am—Omaha Public Library, Bess Johnson Branch in Elkhorn

December 14th — ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am—TBD

February 8, 2013 — ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am— Baright Public Library, Ralston

April 12, 2013 — ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am—North Bend Public Library
A continuation of our series on “A Day in the Life” of a librarian, representing one of the four types of libraries ELS serves. This issue features an academic librarian.

A Day in the Life of Casey Kralik, June 14, 2012

Since 2005, I have worked at Bellevue University as the Technical Services Librarian. This means that I am in charge of the cataloging, processing, archives, serials, acquisitions and donations at the library. I am a part of a 20 person library (full-time and part-time) who serves about 7700 full time students.

I started in libraries in 1998 working as the evening circulation supervisor and interlibrary loan assistant at Creighton Law Library. In 2000, I became the acquisitions assistant at the law library and soon began to pursue my master’s degree in Library Science. In 2004, I became the library director at the Joslyn Art Museum library and finished my degree. All of my library positions were great experiences and helped to shape who am I today and the work that I do in technical services.

8 AM Arrive at work and hear that we had a roof leak due to an air conditioning unit malfunctioning. The bad news is that the leak was in the technical services area where I work but the good news is that staff noticed the leak in time to move the 300 books we needed to catalog and process and cover the materials from the University Archives.

8:30 AM work with interactive marketing on a reply to a student inquiring about the quality of our diplomas that appeared on the Library Facebook page

8-9 AM answer various emails, extract data from daily reports for cataloging and acquisitions tasks such as accession books and closing out orders

9 AM Began cataloging said 300 books. We just received our final book order so normally I only have about 25-75 books to process in a week.

11:45 AM Break for lunch

12:45 PM Process invoices and statements, work with vendor on a discrepancy on shipping prices

2:45 PM Added my statement about starting the RDA Practice group to an article Sue Ann Gardner and Robin Bernstein are writing. In January of this year, I started a group called the Nebraska RDA Practice Group whereby we meet once a month to discuss cataloging topics related to RDA and to practice creating records in preparation of the formal acceptance of RDA by the Library of Congress. For those who are interested, check out our wiki page: http://rdapractice.pbworks.com (RDA stands for Resource, Description and Access and will be replacing the current AACR2)

3:00 PM Review NLA documents for tomorrow’s NLA board meeting (I am the current Technical Services Round Table Chair for the Nebraska Library Association)

3:30 PM Collection Mapping Meeting with Mike Bobak and Margie McCandless. We have started a project where we are mapping our print collection to the Leadership degree programs. In addition, we are assigning collection levels to both the collection and classes for the Leadership degree. This project came out of a recent revision of our policy statements on collection development. (see policy statement http://libguides.bellevue.edu/content.php?pid=271546&sid=2314001)

4:30 PM Process as many books as I can before 5 pm so that the night staff can help with stamp, strip and covering them.

5:15 PM Meet my husband and kids at California Taco for a quick but yummy dinner

6-8 PM I was a part of a group panel of families who have adopted children and their birth mothers. That night my husband, Kassi (Mikela’s birth mom) and I spoke of adoption story to five families beginning the process of adoption at Child Saving Institute.

8:30 PM Arrived home and put the tired kiddos to bed, including myself.
Retirements

Linda Oyster, Agnes Robinson  
Waterloo Public Library

Linda began as assistant to her mother-in-law, Eloise Buhrman, in 1987 at the old library—205 Washington Street. She was appointed the library director in June of 1995. The library was moved to a beautiful new building, donated by Ed and Donna Robinson, in September of 2006.

After retirement at the end of July, Linda plans on spending more time with family and doing some traveling.

Frankie Kirkwood, Valley Public Library

After 10 years as director of the library, it’s “time” to do other things, like traveling, relaxing, reading or even taking a class at Metro Community College.

Did you know that Frankie’s given name is Marilyn? She will always be Frankie to us.

Welcome to Claire Bushong, new director at Valley. Claire and I (Nancy) have something in common...we are both church organists, although she is much more accomplished than I am. She previously taught organ at Midland University.

Eastern and Southeast Library Systems’ Spring Colloquium featured UNO/UMC student presentations

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Jennifer Barnason with “Breaking Down the Walls and Seeing the Big Picture”

Megan Klein-Hewett with “The Internet is What We Make It”

Jacob Lee with “Swim the Information Ocean; Listen to Your Dog; and Sell It, Baby, Sell It…”

Brian Maass with “The Crowd is in Charge!”
Catch this!

From John Kalkowski:

When I spoke to the Eastern Library System, I mentioned that I had just been given control over my E-book price of Red Cell. Just today Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com have updated their websites to sell the E-book of Red Cell for just $1.99.

One can purchase or find more information at:

Amazon.com (Kindle Edition):
http://www.amazon.com/Red-Cell-ebook/dp/B003Y74PWA/ref=sr_1_10?ie=UTF8&qid=1340126754&sr=8-10&keywords=red+cell

Barnesandnoble.com (NOOK Book):
http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/red-cell-john-kalkowski/1103140233?ean=9781450212083

iUniverse.com (all E-book formats):

Happy Reading!

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The deadline for nominations for NLA’s Mari Sandoz Award has been extended to July 31, 2012.

The Mari Sandoz Award recognizes significant, enduring contribution to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production or related activity.

Nomination Procedures:
1. The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should include the name, title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the person or group making the nomination.
2. At least four additional letters that support and endorse the nomination are required. Such letters may provide further information about the nomination.
3. More information and lists of previous recipients may be found on the NLA web page.
4. Nominations not selected are carried over to the following year, and additional letters of support are welcome for those nominations.
5. Nominations and letters of support must be received by July 31, 2012.
6. Nominations may be submitted by e-mail to ce.dow@lincolnlibraries.org or mailed to Carolyn Dow, Lincoln City Libraries. 136 S. 14 St., Lincoln, NE 68508.

The Paraprofessional Section of the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) accepts nominations for the Paraprofessional of the Year Award each year. This award is given annually to a member of the Paraprofessional Section of NLA who has demonstrated outstanding service in a library setting.

The recipient will be selected on the basis of all of the following criteria:

1. Innovative programs that the nominee has worked with which have resulted in new or improved library services.
2. Exceptional volunteer work in library service or related field.
3. Exceptional use of library resources, local or otherwise.
4. Involvement or leadership in the NLA Paraprofessional Section (i.e., holding office, member of a committee, workshop or conference presentation).

The Paraprofessional of the Year may receive:

1. A one-year paid membership to NLA, in the Paraprofessional Section.
2. Fifty dollars.

Click here for the nomination form.

Nominations are due on July 31, 2012.

You can e-mail the nomination form to: jennifer.wrampe@nebraska.gov

Jennifer Wrampe
Paraprofessional Publicity/Citations Chair
Eastern Library System’s Annual Meeting 2012


Meredith McGowan, Lincoln City Libraries, on Nebraska authors

Martha Grenzeback, Omaha Public Library, on Genealogy

Our “Going the Extra Mile Award” winner was Dianne Krantz and her therapy dog, Devon.

Kathy and our two retiring board members, Robin Bernstein and Marie Reidelbach

There’s Always Food
Reader’s Advisory Website Roundup

• Book Group Buzz (http://bookgroupbuzz.booklistonline.com): How to find good books, tips on running a book discussion, and reviewing authors and titles of interest.

• Children’s Literature Network (www.childrensliteraturenetwork.org): Connects, informs, and educates those who have an interest in children’s and teen books, authors, and illustrators. Features news, information and book reviews. This site is supported by memberships.

• Early Word (www.earlyword.com): Brainchild of Nora Rawlinson, EarlyWord’s goal is to help librarians stay ahead of public demand and identify hidden gems.

• Fantastic Fiction (www.fantasticfiction.co.uk): Stop here for information on science fiction and fantasy but covers other genre’s as well, such as mystery and romance. They have bibliographies and cover art for more than 30,000 authors and 350,000 books.

• Forever Young Adult (www.foreveryoungadult.com): For a snarky, smart, and very with-it discussion of young adult titles old and new, check with out—but be warned that part of the humor involves swearing. Site also covers a lot of YA movies.

• Reading Group Guides (www.readinggroupguides.com): Features more than 3,000 guides from across all different publishers, there are plenty of fiction and nonfiction categories to choose from. The best part? The “What to Do When There’s No Guide Available” section, with generic questions for just about any type of book.

• Stop You’re Killing Me! (www.stopyourekillingme.com): Best fiction website out there—it is more than just a mystery/suspense site! Has a standout indexes where you can search not just by title, but by series character, job of character, location, time period, and more.

• YA Librarian Tales (http://yalibrariantales.blogspot.com): Colorado YA Librarian Sarah Wethern blogs features reviews, news about upcoming titles, author interviews, and “life behind the reference desk.” Reviews are great—she gives a plot synopsis, then her musings, often including which audience would like the books, and she also provides read-alikes.

[By Rebecca Vnuk, Editor, Reference and Collection Manager for Booklist. Taken in part from Public Libraries, Volume 51, Number 3]
Internet 2011 in Numbers

So what happened with the Internet in 2011? How many email accounts were there in the world in 2011? How many websites? How much did the most expensive domain name cost? How many photos were hosted on Facebook? How many videos were viewed to YouTube?

We’ve got answers to these questions and many more. A veritable smorgasbord of numbers, statistics and data lies in front of you. Using a variety of sources we’ve compiled what we think are some interesting numbers that describe the Internet in 2011.

Email

- **3.146 billion** – Number of email accounts worldwide.
- **27.6%** – Microsoft Outlook was the most popular email client.
- **19%** – Percentage of spam emails delivered to corporate email inboxes despite spam filters.
- **112** – Number of emails sent and received per day by the average corporate user.
- **71%** – Percentage of worldwide email traffic that was spam (November 2011).
- **360 million** – Total number of Hotmail users (largest email service in the world).
- **$44.25** – The estimated return on $1 invested in email marketing in 2011.
- **40** – Years since the first email was sent, in 1971.
- **0.39%** – Percentage of email that was malicious (November 2011).

Websites

- **555 million** – Number of websites (December 2011).
- **300 million** – Added websites in 2011.

Internet users

- **2.1 billion** – Internet users worldwide.

For more statistics about internet users, as well as domain names social media, mobile, videos, and images go to pingdom.com (January 17, 2012. [Seen in Library Administrator’s Digest, May 2012])

News that ALTAFF (Association of Library Trustees, Friends and Foundations) has voted to change its name to United for Libraries. The name change will happen officially on September 4, 2012. ALTAFF has also unveiled a new website for Authors for Libraries: www.authorsforlibraries.org. This site enables libraries to find authors who are available for speaking engagements, and also those who are willing to speak out on behalf of their local libraries. A sister site, www.libraryquotes.org, offers quotes on libraries and literature from authors, politicians, journalists, activists, and more. You can also submit a quote.

Top 10 Ways to Tell if Your Library is Inclusive


While this entry was posted for children with special needs, it applies to any library patron.

Here’s a list of just ten.

1. **Library Workers** – staff at all levels create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for patrons with special needs
2. **Building Design** – all areas of building and library property are compliant with the most recent ADA Design Standards
3. **Library Spaces** – bathrooms, furniture, drinking fountains, meeting rooms, and program rooms are accessible to someone with special needs; aisles between bookshelves are wide and info desks are low enough to assist patrons with wheelchairs
4. **Signage** – large, readable font or Braille translation are used on signs to indicate different areas and library collections; accessible buttons for doors and elevators are available
5. **Supportive Equipment** – access to hand-held magnifiers, screen readers and magnification machines to make print more accessible; adaptive keyboard and mouse for using computer stations; wheelchairs for in-library patron usage
6. **Accessible Devices** – circulating iPads and eReaders allow patrons to have access to e-content that can be resized and adjustable on a screen
7. **Alternative Formats and Collections** – large type print, audio-visual, Braille, closed-caption DVDs, adapted, toys, puzzles, or materials in a special needs specific collection are available for patrons to check out
8. **Programming** – programs for all ages are open and welcoming to patrons with special needs; surveys can be made available for parents with children with special needs about accommodations
9. **Outreach** – home delivery is available for patrons that have limited mobility; guided in-house and web-based tours for those that need additional assistance exploring the library
10. **Services and Communication** – text or IM reference available for patrons who want to utilize the library’s services from home; priority seating given to patrons using wheelchairs; disability awareness training for staff helps provide more information and confidence to those working with patrons with special needs
Sample Memorandum of Understanding Between Friends and Libraries

The following will constitute an operating agreement between the Friends of the Anytown Public Library (Friends) and the Anytown Public Library (Library). It will stand until and unless it is modified by mutual agreement of the friends executive board and the Anytown library administrations. The Friends mission is to raise money and public awareness in the community to support the services and programs of the Library. As a non-profit, 501c3 organization, however, it is a legally distinct entity and is not a part of the Library.

**The Library** agrees to include the Friends in the long-term planning process to ensure that the Friends are aware of the goals and direction of the library.

**The Library** agrees to share with the Friends the library’s strategic initiatives at the beginning of each fiscal year and discuss with Friends how their resources and support might help forward these initiatives.

**The Library** agrees to supply the Friends with a “wish list” each year that indicates the anticipated needs for Friends support.

**The Library** agrees to provide the Friends with staff support to assist them with development of the newsletter, mass mailings, meeting coordination, and Friends promotional materials.

**The Library** agrees to provide public space for Friends membership brochures and promotional materials.

**The Library** agrees to provide the Friends with space in the Library for book storage and sorting, book sales, and office needs.

**The Friends** agree to publicly support the Library and its policies.

**The Friends** agree to include a member from the library’s administration as a non-voting presence at all Friends’ meetings and to allow room on the agenda for a library report.

**The Friends** agree that any and all monies raised will be spent exclusively for library programs, services, and other Library defined needs unless otherwise agreed to by both the Friends and the Library.

**The Friends** agree that the library administration has the final say by accepting or declining any and all gifts made to the library.

**The Friends** agree to engage in advocacy efforts on behalf of the Library under the guidance of the Library and the Library’s Board of Trustees.

**The Friends** agree that if they cease to actively fundraise and promote the Library, they will disband allowing for a new Friends group to be established in the future.
Library Personnel Policy Statute Changes

This is an explanation of changes in the state statutes related to personnel policies of public libraries. LB 470, which was approved during the last Unicameral session, changes sections 16-251 and 51-211 of the state statutes. This law will take effect July 19, 2012. Following are the changes:

**Section 16-251:**

. . . The mayor and city council shall approve any personnel administrative or compensation policy or procedure applying to a director or employee of a public library . . . before such policy or procedure is implemented.

**Section 51-211:**

. . . The governing body of the county, city, or village in which the library is located shall approve any personnel administrative or compensation policy or procedure before implementation of such policy or procedure by the library board.

It is the position of the Nebraska Library Commission, consistent with legislative intent as expressed during the legislative session, that the changes in statute deal solely with personnel-related policy or procedure and not with any other area of responsibility of governing library boards. It is interesting to note that the changes listed above in Section 51-211 come immediately after statutory language which notes other board powers, and immediately before a listing of additional powers. None of the existing language noted was changed (except for some changes for consistency with other state laws). In other words, powers of governing library boards were not changed except in regard to personnel matters.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Richard Miller at the Commission, 800-307-2665, richard.miller@nebraska.gov. We would like to hear if any municipalities or counties have misunderstood these statutory changes and stand ready to help bring about an informed understanding of this new law.


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Mad Hatter Award 2012

Presented by Child’s World and the School, Children’s and Young People’s Section of the Nebraska Library Association

PURPOSE: To recognize an individual member of the Nebraska Library Profession who has made an outstanding contribution to School, Children’s and Young People’s librarianship and library development.

CRITERIA Individual nominated should have demonstrated achievements in the following areas:

- Imaginative interpretation of library services
- Development of innovative and creative programming for children and young adults
- Demonstration of professional contributions to regional, state, and national library organizations, publications, and/or presentations

Contact Judy Henning for a form Judy.Henning@kearneypublic.org
The next CLICK Meeting is August 3rd, 9:30 am at the Gretna Public Library (note change of date.) We will be reviewing your Summer Reading Programs—so make notes of what was wonderful and what you may not try again.

Let Jean Slowinski know if you are coming.  
jslowinski123@gmail.com

La Vista Public Library

During July’s meeting of the Arkham Horror Gaming Club, Elliot Dritt explains the complex rules of how to play the board game to Jerry, one of our daily library patrons, who stopped by to see what the teens were up to.

De Long showing off her dissected duck during Stuffed Animal Taxidermy.

One of the Teen Advisory Board projects to promote summer reading—we got permission to do our Chalk Graffiti Mural on the book drop wall featuring Mario, a gomba, Pac-Woman, and the four ghosts telling everyone to READ!
Join us...

MONDAY July 30th, 2012 - 7pm - 10pm
For the GRAPHIC NOVEL SLIDESHOW
of 'December 3rd 1967: An Alien Encounter'
The first illustrated story of the found audio of
nebraska state-patrolman Herbert Schirmer and his encounter with a U.F.O.

with cartoonist MICHAEL JASORKA
of Bombshell Comics

FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION - SHARE YOUR STORIES!
with CORY MATTESON - Of The Lincoln Journal Star
at The Historic Saint Stephen’s Episcopal Church
NW corner of 16th and Adams - Ashland NE, 68003

For More Info, visit: www.bombshell-comics.com  --- "Come with me, watchman."
Annual Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2012  
LaVista Public Library

The Annual Meeting was held at the LaVista Public Library. There were over 40 people in attendance.

Guest author Jeff Barnes talked on the great buffalo hunts, presenting his book, *The Great Plains Guide to Custer: 85 Forts, Fights & Other Sites*. A book signing was held after the presentation. Two breakout sessions followed. *Genealogy 101: Finding Your Roots* was presented by Martha Grenzeback and the *Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors* was presented by Meredith McGowan.

Lunch was served and door prizes were distributed. The Extra Mile Award was awarded to Diane Krantz and her therapy dog, Devon. Attendees broke into Talk Tables. Three subjects were highlighted: Getting Teens in the Library; Trustees’ Time to Ask Questions; and Here to Stay: eBooks and eReaders. Gayle Roberts, Lupe Mier, Robin Clark and Heather St. Clair hosted the various tables.

Robin Bernstein, ELS Board President, called the business meeting to order.

John Seyfarth motioned to approve the June 10, 2011 minutes and Lupe Mier seconded. Motion carried.

The Eastern Library System Annual Treasurer’s Report for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 was approved to be filed for audit.

Kathy Tooker, Executive Director, gave the 2011-2012 year in review. Highlights for the year included the following:

Continuing Education: The system hosted or participated in Direct Meetings, Youth Services Retreat, NLA/NEMA conference, Presenters’ Fair, Click Meetings, Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, Summer Reading Program Workshop, School Librarian Day and the Sarpy County Librarians + 1 meetings.

Advocacy: The system was active at the state fall conference and continued to publish the newsletter.

Fundraising: The system was active in fundraising to supplement the yearly budget. This year the system participated in Book Lovers Calendar sales, Younkers Community Day, Barnes & Noble Book Fair and the annual garage sale. All were deemed successful.

Retiring board members, Marie Reidelbach and Robin Bernstein, were recognized for their years of services. New Board Members, Francine Canfield and Marcia Jussel were introduced.

Any additional comments and announcements were taken from the attendees. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Gayle Roberts, Secretary of the Eastern Library System Board.

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Upcoming Board Meetings
✓ August 10th...John A. Stahl Library, West Point
✓ October 12th...Omaha Public Library, Bess Johnson Branch, Elkhorn
✓ December 14th...To be determined
✓ February 8, 2013...Baright Public Library, Ralston
✓ April 12th...North Bend Public Library
2012 NLA/NEMA/MPLA Pre-Conference

RUN, RUN TO READING ALOUD!

Wednesday, October 17 – La Vista, Nebraska Conference Center

Featuring children’s book authors
Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst

And Nebraska children’s book authors
Julia Cook
Ted Kooser
Preston McDaniels
& James Solheim

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Registration, Coffee and Book Sales

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
One Book, One School

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
The Teacher Who Became An Author
Jim Aylesworth

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Lunch on your own

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Nebraska Children’s Book Author Panel
with Julia Cook, Ted Kooser,
Preston McDaniels and James Solheim

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Gifts of the Universe:
Inspiration, Hard Work, and Grace
Lisa Campbell Ernst

4:00 p.m.
Book Signing

REGISTRATION

$40 if received by July 1
$45 if received between July 1 and Sept. 20
$50 after Sept. 20
(15% discount for MPLA members)

You can register online at
nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012

For more program details or to reserve books
by the authors please visit
www.readaloudnebraska.org

This workshop is sponsored by
Read Aloud Nebraska.

Support was also received from the
Nebraska Regional Library Systems and the
School, Children’s and Young People’s Section
of the Nebraska Library Association.

Email info@readaloudnebraska.org
if you have any questions
The Embedded School Librarian

Wednesday October 17, 2012  5:30 pm-8:30 pm
Roskens Hall Room #412  University of Nebraska-Omaha

Like a splinter or like a journalist? Embedded school librarianship

Special Guest Speaker: Sara Kelley-Mudie

The idea of being embedded is at the heart of much of what we believe makes school libraries effective; we don't teach skills in isolation, but rather embed them within the larger curriculum of our schools. We can take these beliefs that are at the core of school librarianship, and expand them in order to redefine--or, really, highlight--how integral librarians are to the larger mission of the school. Embedded librarianship is about moving beyond the physical walls of the library--both virtually and physically--in order make connections between the students and teachers in our schools and resources, information, and people inside and outside of the school.

In this talk, I’ll outline the theory and standards that are the foundations for my practice as an embedded librarian, the tools I use to create connections and share resources, and how I’ve embedded myself in a variety of teaching and learning spaces in my school.

Pre-Conference Agenda
5:30-6:00  Light Hors d’Oeuvres
6:00-7:00  Guest Speaker: Sara Kelley-Mudie
7:00-7:15  Breakout Discussions
7:20-8:30  Breakout Sessions on tools and tips for embedded librarianship

http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012/

Please contact Stacy Lickteig at stacy lickteig @ops.org or Courtney Pentland at mrs pantland @gmail.com if you need any assistance or have any questions. Thank you!

Sara Kelley-Mudie is the Librarian and Educational Technology Facilitator at The Forman School in Litchfield, CT. A former high school English teacher, she has a BA in English from Connecticut College (2001) and an MLIS from Kent State (2007). Sara serves on the board for the Connecticut Association of School Librarians, and was selected as one of the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders in 2011. Sara writes about libraries, learning, and technology at kmthebiblioblog.blogspot.com.

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