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Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

January 2013

### SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, SELS

*"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."*  
— Thomas Jefferson

'Tis the season, when we all must acknowledge and not ignore the politics swirling around us and do our best to advocate on behalf of libraries and our communities. And, frankly, it would help if we remember this all year, rather than at the point of the beginning of the Legislative session. Perhaps we can consider that among our 2013 New Year resolutions.

So, what better place to start then with efforts being championed by the Nebraska Library Association in support of Nebraska Library Commission 2013-15 budget request that will come before the Nebraska Unicameral in the 2013 Legislative Session. You can find an online petition at change.org set up to support NLC's budget request for eBooks for more Nebraskans, increased support for regional library systems and increased access to NebraskAccess and online resources for public and private schools - [www.change.org/petitions/state-of-nebraska-fund-the-2013-2015-budget-requests-from-the-nebraska-library-commission](http://www.change.org/petitions/state-of-nebraska-fund-the-2013-2015-budget-requests-from-the-nebraska-library-commission). We also encourage you to attend NLA Advocacy Day on January 30th where you can meet your state senator, find out the latest on library issues before the Legislature, recognize library volunteers, and hear Lyn Ziegenbein from the Peter Kiewit Foundation. Register at: [https://nlia.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com\\_mc&view=mc&mcid=form\\_132909](https://nlia.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=form_132909).

The Nebraska Legislature website – <http://nebraskalegislature.gov> – is the place to find the 2013 Legislative Session Calendar, and list of 2013 Senators. If you need to find out who your senator is, who serves on what committee, news from the Unicameral Update or information on bills and laws – this is the place. I also appreciate the helps and information for citizens, students and teachers – great for navigating the website and understanding the activities of the Unicameral.

I was recently reminded, by Carrie Turner at Westside High School in Omaha, of the wonderful resources available on the AASL (American Association of School Librarians) Advocacy Tools website: <http://aasl.ala.org/essentiallinks/>

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## 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 14-20, 2013. 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 the library deserves this award.
- Information about activities/programs developed for the library.
- Two letters of recommendation from any library supporter.
- Any other information that shows the library deserves this award.

Nominations must be submitted to:

Brenda Ealey, Southeast Library System Administrator

5730 R St. Ste. C-1

Lincoln, NE 68505

[bsealey@windstream.net](mailto:bsealey@windstream.net)

**Application deadline is March 1, 2013**



# Free, Full-day Workshop! Sensory Friendly Storytimes: Serving Children with Special Needs

**Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, NE**

**Friday, March 8 8:00am - 4:30pm**

**E-mail only registration by March 4, 2013  
cathytmcmahon@gmail.com**

Families of children with special needs may be reluctant to attend traditional storytimes. Offering a Sensory Friendly Storytime is a powerful way of including ALL families in your programming. Learn how to facilitate a Sensory Friendly Storytime.

- Be able to recognize prevalence, symptoms, and techniques used for common childhood diagnoses.
- Gain a basic knowledge of characteristics of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down syndrome and developmental delays and receive simple tips for working with young children with special needs.
- Recognize common behavioral disorders in young children and their symptoms and how to address these behaviors as they occur in storytime.
- Learn to interact with parents and caregivers of children with special needs.
- Learn how to use manipulatives and external supports (cubes, reading cushions, fidgets) for children attending a Sensory Friendly Storytime.

**Bring your lunch or visit Papillion's local restaurants!**

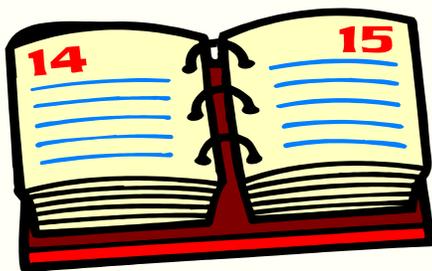
This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.



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# CALENDAR

January 2013

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting at Dvoracek Memorial Library in Wilber. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. and we'll be talking about personnel policies with a policy template and recording with Susan Sapp – attorney at Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather. If you've got board members that would like to be a part of the discussion – they're welcome as always. We'll also have the round robin where you can share questions, ideas and happenings with your colleagues. On the table for this month's book talks is to select a book by an author with a January birthday, or a biography about an author with a January birthday such as Asimov, Tolkien, London, Milne. Please let SELS know if you plan on attending.

**January 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Nebraska Library Commission and the Diversity Committee of the Nebraska Library Association are co-hosting a two-part workshop, *Serving Spanish-Speaking Populations: An Introduction*, to be streamed live to the Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln. You may attend either one, or both, and can find information on Part 1, held Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11924>, or Part 2, held Wednesday, Jan. 23, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11925>. There is no charge for registration.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>– 29<sup>th</sup>**—ALA Midwinter in Seattle

**January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills: Library Services to Children & Youth. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting December 28<sup>th</sup> and ending January 25<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCALENDAR.aspx>.

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**—Nebraska Library Association Advocacy Day in Lincoln

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Digital Learning Day ([www.digitallearningday.org](http://www.digitallearningday.org)) to celebrate innovative teaching practices that make learning more personalized and engaging and encouraging exploration of how digital learning can provide more students with more opportunities to get the skills they need to succeed in college, career and life. The website includes ways to participate for school and public libraries, as well as toolkits, contests, webinars and more.

**February 11–22** – Basic Skills: Customer Service. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar>) starting December 21<sup>st</sup> and ending February 1<sup>st</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCALENDAR.aspx>.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL meeting at Tecumseh Public Library – The meeting starts at 10 a.m. and we'll be viewing the Techsoup for libraries webinar - *Mobile Technology Training: Tech-a-la-Carte* for information on a project taking technology training out of the library and into the community in a very personal way. We'll also have the round robin conversation for sharing ideas, questions and happenings with your colleagues. Book talk topic for the month is to choose a National Book Award winner or finalist – maybe from 2011 or a previous year to make sure you find one on the shelf. You can choose from any of the genres. Find a list on the National Book Foundation website: [www.nationalbook.org/nba2012.html](http://www.nationalbook.org/nba2012.html). Please let the SELS office know if you plan on attending.

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** – Public Library Annual Statistical Surveys due. You can find resources to help complete the survey at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/stats/bibliostatcollect.aspx> or by contacting John Felton, Planning & Data Services Coordinator, at Nebraska Library Commission – [john.felton@nebraska.gov](mailto:john.felton@nebraska.gov), 800-307-2665.

**February 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Nebraska State Reading Conference in Kearney. For more information go to: [www.nereads.org](http://www.nereads.org). You can find all the conference details on the website – including speakers and authors that will be presenting.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – SELS Board Meeting at Seward Memorial Library – 10 a.m.

**February 25—26** – League of Nebraska Municipalities Midwinter Conference at The Cornhusker, Lincoln - [www.lonm.org/calendarofevents.html](http://www.lonm.org/calendarofevents.html).

**February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Basic Skills: Organization of Materials. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting January 18<sup>th</sup> and ending February 15<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCALENDAR.aspx>.

**February 28th** – *Big Talk for Small Libraries*, 9 to 5 online conference. For more information go to: <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/>. (Stay tuned as SELS is part of a group organizing to view together.)

**March 8th** – Serving Youth with Special Needs from 8 to 4:30 at Sump Memorial Library in Papillion. Workshop topics will address "working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, developmental delays and other special needs". Learn how to design and direct library activities and experiences that are "sensory friendly" for these young patrons who need and deserve our attention and support. To register, send an email to Cathy McMahon by Monday, March 4th at [cathytmcmahon@gmail.com](mailto:cathytmcmahon@gmail.com). There is no charge for registration.

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** – Teen Tech Week – <http://teentechweek.ning.com>. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through libraries such as DVDs, databases, audiobooks, and videogames. Teen Tech Week encourages teens to use libraries' nonprint resources for education and recreation, and to recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Find event and activity ideas, publicity and TTW products for sale on the website.

**March 14th** – Last day for filing form 471 in e-rate process for discounts on telecommunications. ([www.universalservice.org/sl/tools/news/default.aspx#671](http://www.universalservice.org/sl/tools/news/default.aspx#671))

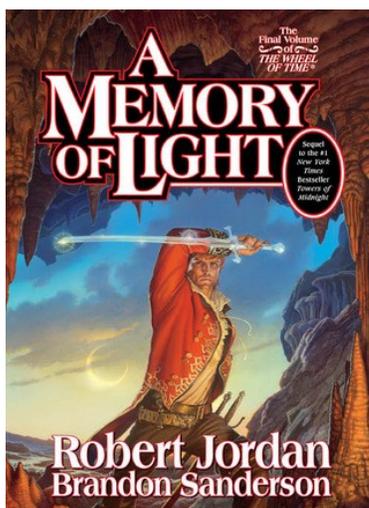
**March 15th** – CASTL Meeting at Fairbury Public Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**March 16th** – Freedom of Information Day is an annual event on or near March 16, the birthday of James Madison, who is widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and as the foremost advocate for openness in government. Freedom of Information Day recognizes those individuals or groups that have championed, protected, and promoted **public access to government information** and the **public's right to know**. (woot, woot!!)

**March 21st**— NLA Paraprofessional Spring meeting, *Learn From Experience@ your library*.

**March 25—April 5** – Basic Skills: Leadership. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting February 15th and ending March 15<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCALENDAR.aspx>.

## Lincoln Native completes Long Running Fantasy Series



This month sees the release of the final book in Robert Jordan's acclaimed Wheel of Time series. The first volume, *The Eye of the World*, was published in 1990 and since then, there have been fourteen releases including a prequel that diverges from the main story. Jordan's death in 2007 caused many to worry that there would

never be a release of the final book which Jordan was working on at the time. Jordan's widow, who also served as his editor, selected Lincoln native Brandon Sanderson to finish the series using notes, materials and finished pieces of the manuscript left by Jordan. After examining what was left for him and rereading the series, Sanderson realized it would not be possible to complete the story unless the final book was split into three volumes. The third and final volume, *A Memory of Light*, will be available January 8th.

By Brenda Ealey

Sue Antes, Syracuse Public Library Director, hosted the December 6<sup>th</sup> CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Libraries) meeting. It provided a wonderful opportunity to see the new library and to utilize their new meeting room and Wi-Fi capabilities. Marty Magee, Education & Nebraska Coordinator for the National Network/Libraries of Medicine, was our presenter for the morning and CASTL folks were busy on laptops, iPads and netbooks viewing online health information on MedlinePlus, at McGoogan Library of Medicine with CHIRS (Consumer Health Information Resource Service), a Health & Human Services family health history resource and much, much more.

I'll highlight the information Marty shared by providing online addresses below and encourage you to do some exploring at these links for a wealth of quality health information and resources:

**MedlinePlus** – [www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov). You'll find non-



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- January 11<sup>th</sup>— Wilber
- February 14<sup>th</sup>—Tecumseh
- March 15<sup>th</sup>—Fairbury
- April 12<sup>th</sup>—Falls City
- May 31<sup>st</sup> (June meeting) – Seward (Golden Sower)

commercial health information on this site, with multiple language options, that includes: drug & herbal supplement information, videos, health check tools, *MedlinePlus Magazine*, a medical dictionary & encyclopedia, and health news. It includes information for librarians and trainers such as, online tutorials and a tour of MedlinePlus, as well as brochures for printing to provide library customers – along with resources for teaching how to locate health information online - [www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/training/trainers.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/training/trainers.html). The 3 Main Headings on the site – *Health Topics, Drugs & Supplement, Videos & Cool Tools* – provide an Español button to easily switch between Spanish and English text. You can also find health information in multiple languages and search by language or by health topic - [www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/languages/languages.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/languages/languages.html). MedlinePlus also provides step by step instructions for adding a link to your library website: [www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/linking.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/linking.html).

**NIH Senior Health** – <http://nihseniorhealth.gov/> - provides health and wellness information for older adults.

**My Medication List** - <http://mml.nlm.nih.gov> – provides a method for recording your medications in a secure environment that stores information on your own computer, rather than an external database.

**My Family Health Portrait** – <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov> – creates a family health history.

**National Library of Medicine Mobile Apps** - [www.nlm.nih.gov/mobile](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mobile) - at least 20 apps, including: *MyMedList, HazMap, MedlinePlus, Water Emergency Response for Libraries, and Drug Info Portal*.

**NIH Medline Plus** (the magazine) – get a free subscription for your library at: [www.vitalitycommunications.com/medlineplus/subscription.php](http://www.vitalitycommunications.com/medlineplus/subscription.php).

CASTL Wrap Up

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## AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

Our private showing of *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* was very successful, bringing together more than 65 Middle-Earth fans and netting a profit of just over \$100. Thanks to everyone who attended – and mark your calendars for next year. We are already scheduled to host a private showing of *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* on Saturday, December 14. As always – details to come!

We also have scheduled a private showing of *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* for Saturday, November 23. We are looking for a spring movie as well and are considering *Oz: the Great and Powerful* in March, but are also open to other suggestions. Let us know your thoughts at [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org) now! The SELS Friends can take care of many of your entertainment needs next year.

Aged to Perfection 2013 is in the planning stages. Again, we want to hear from you. Please let us know if you like Thursday or Friday, if you like James Arthur Vineyard or would like to try another place, if you like Tom Bassett as the entertainment or another option. Talk to any SELS Friends Board member (Becky Baker, Tom Schmidt, Lisa Olivigni, Karen Frank or Jan Thomsen) or email [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org) with your comments!

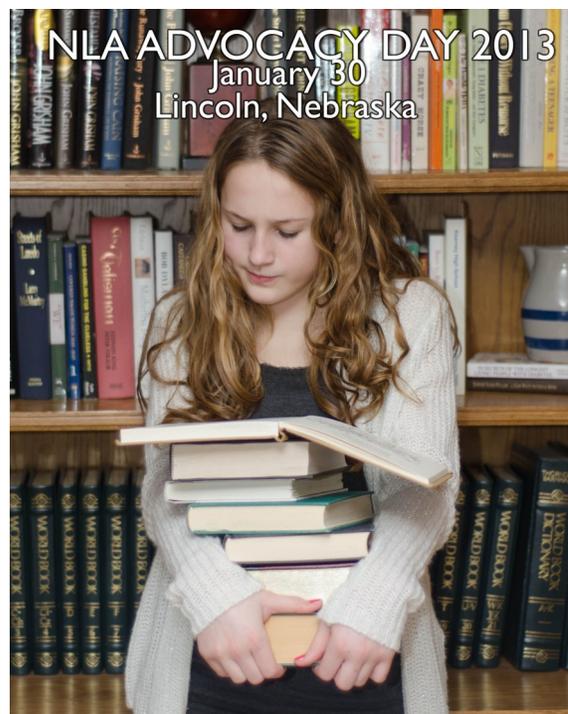
As always, thanks for your support of the Southeast Library System!

## NLA Advocacy Day

Ask your state senators and other public officials to support the Nebraska Library Commission's 2013-2015 budget request so that Nebraska residents can have more eBooks and access to accurate information through online resources and databases. The Advocacy Committee is revising a letter to the Governor, so thank you for your patience! And NLA lobbyist Ken Winston has started conversations with senators and other supporters. **Deadline for registration is January 15**

Also ask them to join us on January 30, 2013 for Advocacy Day in Lincoln. If you're returning from ALA, fly into Lincoln! Register soon! The link is below. You will want to meet your state senators, meet our honored volunteers, and hear Lyn Ziegenbein from the Peter Kiewit Foundation speak.

[https://nli.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com\\_mc&view=mc&mcid=form\\_132909](https://nli.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=form_132909)



Photograph by Thomas Bragg

# News Around the System

## Mack the Horse Begins his Tour

By SELS



Mack began his library tour this week. Though, he didn't get very far before he saw a library and had to stop. His first visit on the tour was Lincoln Cities Libraries' Bethany Branch. Kimberly Shelley, the Branch Supervisor, was nice enough to sit down with

Mack and read him a story. He couldn't stay long though, so he thanked Kimberly for being so welcoming and continued his journey. Mack has a lot of places to visit before the end of the year. Keep an eye out for him.



## Construction at Fairmont Public Library

By William Bragg

The Fairmont Library hosted a major building project on the 22nd of December. The Library brought in 5 project managers to construct graham cracker gingerbread houses. The Saturday morning, annual event continues to increase in popularity. Unfortunately, it appears that these architectural masterpieces were promptly eaten.



## Palmyra pleads Quilty

By Glenda Willnerd, Palmyra Memorial Library

The Palmyra Memorial Library hosted an "Afternoon With a Local Artist" on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The featured artist was Mary Powers. Mary displayed over 29 beautiful handmade quilts for the public to view. An estimated 55 people attended the display. Pictured above is Gera Stilwell of Unadilla, NE viewing one of the quilts on display that was made entirely of wool.



# News Around the System

## Reindeer Cookies during Storytime

By Glenda Willnerd, Palmyra Memorial Library

Nima Faunce and Kyla Davis are all smiles as they show off the reindeer cookies that they made at the Palmyra Memorial Library Family Christmas Storytime. In addition to cookies, the children also made reindeer tree ornaments. The next storytime will be Sunday, January 20th at 4:00 P.M. at the Palmyra Memorial Library.



## 2013 IMLS 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Internship Grant opportunity

By Kathryn Brockmeier

The Nebraska Library Commission's Cultivating Rural Librarians' Technology Skills program offers support for internships through grants to accredited public libraries. In partnership with the Nebraska Library Association and funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, the internship grants increase awareness about library professions and education and the opportunities for employment in Nebraska libraries.

Internship grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. A library may provide one 100-hour internship during the summer months that might last eight weeks, or two 50-hour internships during the school year that might last ten weeks, depending on the needs of the library and the scheduling needs and qualifications of the internship candidates. Library grantees will recruit, select, and hire their interns. Usually, interns

are hired as contract workers and paid on a stipend rather than an hourly wage, but the terms of employment are determined by the library's governing body. Interns provide valuable assistance with library service activities and local library programming. Library staff help introduce interns to the joys of library service careers. Partnership projects involving collaboration between a public library and another type of library will be given special consideration.

Deadline for application is the **15th of February**

Find out more information at:

<http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nlcblog/2012/12/17/internship-grants-due-feb-15-2013/>

or

<http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/nowhiring/Internships.asp>



## Stack Up at the Library

By Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

“Try a new sport during January.” The library provides the answer to this 2013 resolution. Seward Memorial Library will soon host a “Stack Up” program for children in grades two through twelve. During four consecutive Tuesday afternoons, children will have an opportunity to learn the indoor sport of Cup Stacking. A local family is providing 30 cup sets and will share their skill and knowledge with

the children. This fun activity promotes hand-eye coordination and offers a unique challenge for participants. The staff looks forward to seeing how the community responds to this special program which requires no previous experience, but promises to replace the “winter blahs.”

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## York College to begin offering a Dual Degree in Engineering

By Ruth Carlock, York College

In the fall 2013, York College will begin working with several other universities to offer a 3/2 degree in engineering. Students will complete three years at York College taking courses in math, science, and computer science as well as general electives, and complete the last two years in an engineering program at a partnering school. There will be a liaison advisor who will help advise the students to be sure they are completing the correct prerequisites for the engineering program they wish to complete. These students will be obtaining two bachelor’s degrees, a liberal arts degree from York College and an engineering degree from the partnering school. The engineering program will offer an assortment of specializations including biomedical, computer, chemical, civil, electrical, environ-

mental, and mechanical engineering. A partnership has already been set up with Washington University in St. Louis School of Engineering, and plans are being made to set up more partnerships. Dr. Terrence Kite, a professor of physics at York College, is in charge of this program. He worked with such a program for many years at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, and is modeling the York College program after it. Using this route to obtain an engineering degree will be much less expensive. The dual program will give the students a solid background in the social sciences and humanities which will help them have good problem-solving and communication skills.

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## Library Starts the Year with Travelogue Program

By Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

Travel thousands of miles to locations around the world without buying a plane ticket. This no hassle vacation only requires a visit to Seward Memorial Library. During January, February, and March local residents will share their travel experiences. The first travelogue is on Sunday, January 27 at 2

p.m. Tour guides Dave and Joanne Neeley will talk about their trip to Prince Edward Island. During this 45-minute excursion view the setting for the famous Anne of Green Gables novels and discover why the island is also called the “Garden of Canada.” There will be time for questions as well as refreshments. Everyone is welcome.



# News & Notes



WasteCap Nebraska introduces our New & Improved On-line Recycling Guidebook, now featuring recycling locations from every county in Nebraska! WasteCap Nebraska has partnered with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to reach out to every business or organization in Nebraska that offers recycling programs of all kinds. WasteCap Nebraska is happy to serve Nebraska citizens and businesses with the most complete and up-to-date recycling information. Visit the Recycling Guidebook at <http://www.wastecapne.org/recycling/>. If you would like to submit an entry for the Guidebook, please email [communications@wastecapne.org](mailto:communications@wastecapne.org) for more information."

An online petition at [change.org](http://change.org) has been set up to support the Nebraska Library Commission's budget request for eBooks for more Nebraskans, for increased support for our regional

library systems, and for increased access to NebraskaAccess and online resources for public and private schools. Making life better for all Nebraskans!

You can use the link: <http://www.change.org/petitions/state-of-nebraska-fund-the-2013-2015-budget-requests-from-the-nebraska-library-commission>.

And be sure to contact your state senator, too.

If you have questions, please contact Francine Canfield, NLA Advocacy Chair, at [fcanfield@cityofralston.com](mailto:fcanfield@cityofralston.com)

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The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, has added more outstanding websites to Great Websites for Kids – it's online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children.

The newly added sites are:

Bedtime Math – [www.bedtimemath.org](http://www.bedtimemath.org)

Butterflies and Moths – [www.butterfliesandmoths.org/](http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/)

Climate Kids – <http://climate.nasa.gov/kids/>

Computer Science Student Network (CS2N) – [www.cs2n.org/](http://www.cs2n.org/)

Fred Rogers Center Early Learning Environment – <http://ele.fredrogerscenter.org/>

Jet Propulsion Laboratory – [www.jpl.nasa.gov/education/videos/](http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/education/videos/)

KidsThinkDesign – [www.kidsthinkdesign.org](http://www.kidsthinkdesign.org)

SciJinks – [scijinks.nasa.gov/](http://scijinks.nasa.gov/)

TurtleDiary – [www.turtlediary.com](http://www.turtlediary.com)

The complete list of great sites, with annotations, can be found at: <http://greatsites.ala.org>.

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[index.php?title=Advocacy - General](#). This is a well-organized resource where you can find advocacy brochures targeted for specific audiences that can be customized to include your own community statistics and stories. There's also a link for tips on creating your own story ([www.ala.org/aasl/createyourownstory](http://www.ala.org/aasl/createyourownstory)) where you'll find information and webinars from some of the best in the business for getting a message across in a compelling manner. On the site is a toolkit for building stakeholder support so that librarians are not the only voice speaking out on behalf of library services. A Top 10 List, that originally ran in the September/October 2012 issue of *The Voice*, the newsletter for United for Libraries, is a great reminder for all (librarians, trustees, friends, customers) of the value of school libraries.

The ALA (American Library Association) @ your library® - *The Campaign for America's Libraries* is another place to find advocacy tools and promotional ideas – [www.atyourlibrary.org](http://www.atyourlibrary.org). The website breaks down information in three areas: What's at the Library?; How do I use the Library? And Why use the Library? – for concise talking points on the role of libraries in communities. You'll find informational topics of interest in – What's New?, as well as recommended books and booklists, movies, games and music; libraries in the news; and lots more to peruse. Take a minute to enter your zip code or city and state to be directed to a library near you – a very cool tool. The ALA Washington Office page ([www.ala.org/offices/wo](http://www.ala.org/offices/wo)) provides updates on library-related legislation and methods for taking action concerning those issues. You can subscribe to the latest news by e-mail or Twitter or by becoming a fan of their Facebook page. It's also interesting to use the Legislative Score card for tracking votes on legislation, and they have a toolkit for tips and guidance in promoting and using E-Government.

If you have questions about the NLC 2013-15 budget request, Advocacy Day or finding your senator feel free to contact the SELS office, and we'll be glad to try and help or connect you with a source for additional information.

SELS MINUTES  
October 24, 2012

KILGORE Memorial Library, York

### **Board Members Present**

Becky Baker  
Carolyn Bennett  
Rebecca Bernthal  
Ruth Carlock  
Karen Frank  
Carol Oltman  
Robin Sugden  
Jan Thomsen  
Dorothy Willis

### **Also Present**

William Bragg  
Brenda Ealey  
Scott Childers  
Carol Gruber  
SaraBeth Tidei

### **Board Members Absent**

Barbara Hegr  
Kent Munster  
Sabrina Riley  
Hilary Sire

Carolyn Baker called the meeting to order AT 10:08 A.M.

### **I. What's New Around the System**

Shared what's happening around the system. Suzanne Yelkin is starting a library in Eagle.

### **II. Consent Agenda**

Becky indicated we need a correction of the date, should be August 28 for minutes. Hilary only has one "h" in her name, and Karen Frank had hip replacement, not knee replacement. In TOUS grant, Brenda asked for \$800, NOT \$2,000...change it to... we will pursue a grant.

Second page should be reading, not rading.

Under committee reports, we did not talk about spring extravaganza, but we did pick date...but we did talk about summer reading.

Becky Baker made motion to approve consent agenda, Dorothy Willis seconded. The motion passed.

### **III. Financial Report**

Will is doing a great job. Numbers are a bit wonky with equipment expenses due to reimbursements, same with Colloquium reimbursements which show up under miscellaneous expenses. SELS received the TOUS grant. Need to make sure grants and reimbursements are properly placed - true expenses need to be identified. We may need a line for reimbursements in expenses. This is perhaps a better way to bookkeep it.

### **IV. SELS Bylaws Revision**

Delete "our" in second paragraph in Article II.

In Article V, Section 4 change "shall be" to may. And, "office" to "board position(s)".

Delete section 5, under Article 8...Seems redundant with article 4

Rebecca motioned to approve, Karen seconded, motion passed.

### **V. Administrator's Report**

see handout and included:

- \* - Let Brend know if interested in attending Susan Sapp recording regarding sample employee handbook
- \* - Kathy Dempsey speaker for Fall Colloquium on November 29<sup>th</sup>
- \* - Will is working hard to track book orders for conference author events – One Book Many Librarians and NRLS Adult Author Panel

### **VI. SELS FRIENDS REPORT**

see handout

**VII. NLC report**

see handout

**VIII. COMMITTEE MEETINGS****REPORTS****CE Committee:**

Topics for the extravaganza....Becky will email topics to Brenda

**Marketing/Promotion Committee:**

Regrouped a bit since Hilary is not able to do things for the SELS open house

Becky, Robin, Carolyn, Carol donated \$20 (each) for open house...gave money to Brenda!

Make a basket if leftover wine, for aged to perfection event.

8 currently signed up for summer reading and will continue to send out reminders of open house following.

November 1st ...get promotional things done...will put in newsletter.

Executive Committee did not meet.

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m. Next meeting Dec. 14 at union college.

Respectively submitted,  
Carol Oltman

*(CASTL Wrap Up continued)*

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-Rand al'Thor in  
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