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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

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SOWINGS

Oppression and Opportunity

My interest was piqued by an e-mail with the text of Andrei Codrescu's keynote to the ALA midwinter meeting in San Antonio because he spoke with such passion (even in text) about the importance of freedom to read and in battling censorship. He speaks personally of growing up in Romania "where people were forbidden to read most of what we consider the fundamental books of Western civilization." Codrescu says: "Not only were we forbidden to read authors like James Joyce, but being found in possession of a book such as George Orwell's *1984* could land one in prison for years." Codrescu gives credit to a retired professor who opened up his "modest" personal library to "young high school writers, who absorbed them thirstily and read them deeply because we knew what risks our older friend – and ourselves – were taking." He credits the reading of forbidden books by an authoritarian government for his intellectual development and in becoming a writer.

Codrescu's segue from growing up in Romania to the present situation in Cuba, where librarians of the Independent Libraries Project have been arrested and imprisoned for providing books that are not officially approved, seemed logical and predictable. This segue furthered my interest, especially after hearing Steve Marquardt (South Dakota State University) speak on the Cuba libraries at MPLA, and also at NLA/NEMA this fall. Marquardt highlights the fact that in 2003, Cuba sentenced 75 dissidents to long prison terms, including 18 persons involved in operating independent libraries or reading rooms, as well as the reluctance of ALA to request release of the prisoners. Codrescu's critical remarks were fueled by the lack of ALA condemnation about the imprisonment of librarians, the banning of books, the repression of expression and the torture of dissidents only 90 miles away from our shores. He challenged ALA to defend the freedom to read, and the freedom of expression, not only in the United States where every book is available, but also "in a place where books are an enemy of the state." Codrescu went on to say: "In

Romania, after 1989, Romanians were able to read, with astonishment, just how horrific things had been for them, just how much they'd been lied to, and just how much they had MISSED. They avidly consumed books like George Orwell's *1984*. Cuba today is the Romania of my growing up..."

So what, if anything does this mean for the library world in Nebraska?

- ◆ Primary in my mind is the strengthening of our resolve for access to uncensored materials, and freedom to read, which in turn means support of 1st Amendment privileges of free speech, and continued efforts to support the confidentiality of library customers and the library resources they use. This, of course, includes contesting segments of the USA Patriot Act that threaten the privacy of library patrons.
- ◆ Secondly, we need to educate ourselves on the Cuba Independent Libraries issue, including ALA's responses to the situation. Web sites include: www.friendsofcubanlibraries.org; www.bibliocuba.org; and ALA's www.ala.org/ala/iro/iroactivities/alacubanlibraries.htm. This is from a list of 20+ sites for further information provided by Marquardt.
- ◆ Additionally, we need to be asking what we can do to help the efforts of the independent libraries in Cuba. Marquardt provided a web site that lists a variety of support options from sharing information to sponsorship of an Independent Library in Cuba, at: www.bibliocuba.org/english/support.html.

If nothing else, this conversation reminds us of how privileged we are in America to have the libraries we do, and what a vital presence they are in encouraging intellectual development and expression, and in supporting the principles of a democratic society. The current status of the global community requires our education and involvement beyond our borders.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator

Digitization Workshops

These sessions will instruct you on what you need to know when planning a digitization project. Participants are welcome to attend one or both of the sessions which will be taught by University of Nebraska - Lincoln Electronic Text Center faculty.

Both workshops will be held at
Cornhusker Council Outdoor Education Center Walton, NE
(5 miles east of Lincoln)

Introduction to Digitization **Tuesday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

This day-long workshop will provide a general overview of digitization project planning and execution. Topics covered will include: digitization concepts, selection, legal issues, outsourcing options, sustainability, best practices, equipment and access.

Introduction to Scanning Principles & Best Practices **Wednesday, March 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

This workshop will provide an overview of digital imaging. Topics covered will include: general principles, terminology, hardware, software, master images, access images, quality control, image delivery and outsourcing. This session will not include step-by-step scanning training.

Intended Audience

- ◆ Staff/administrators of Nebraska Cultural Heritage Institutions (libraries, museums, archives) who have materials in their collections that they want to make available to the public in digital format.
- ◆ Project planners.
- ◆ Participants or potential participants in Nebraska Memories.
- ◆ Recipients of or potential applicants for LSTA digitization grants from the Nebraska Library Commission (public libraries or public libraries in collaboration with other CHIs).

This class is **NOT** for students needing class credit, corporate or agency records management personnel, private citizens wanting scanning training, persons already experienced in digitization who have advanced technical questions more appropriate to a private consultation.

The **cost for each workshop is \$10.00** and this includes class materials and lunch.

Each workshop has a **limit of 50 participants**.

To read more and register online for the sessions visit:

www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskamemories/digitizationworkshops.html

Help with Graphic Novel selection

It's a challenge to select Graphic Novels appropriate for your students. Visit www.ingramlibrary.com/GN05 to view Ingram's core Lists by Grade Level.



Southeast Library System Summer Reading Workshop 2006

and **TALES**

March 9th, 2006

Seward Memorial Library
233 S. 5th St.
Seward

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9-9:30: Registration

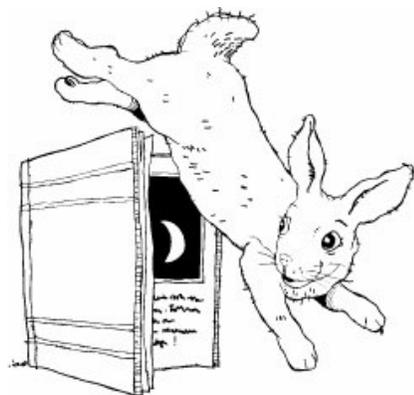
9:30-12: Patti Sinclair, who has worked as a children's librarian and *is* editor of the Collaborative Summer Library Program Manual, presents **Crafts, Skits, Games, Books, and Inspiration** for SR 2006

12-12:15: Break

12:15-1: Sally Snyder, Know the New: book reviews that are too new for the lists for Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales

Lunch

2-4: Menagerie of Entertainers:



This is your opportunity to talk to the speakers and presenters who are available for summer reading or other programs at your library. You can use this time to book presenters for your programs and use the die cut machines for your summer reading needs.

Of course, the casual atmosphere will allow you to share ideas with your fellow librarians.

Have a great idea? Bring 35 copies to share.

Cost: \$15 which includes lunch

Send registrations by **March 3rd** to:

Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505
PLEASE—send your registration on time. If the check will be sent later or you will pay at the door, please note that on your registration.

Name _____
Library _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Please bring your own paper for the die cuts. Also bring scissors (fairly sharp), glue, tape and a few markers to the workshops.



February

- ✦ **February 14th: NLA Legislative Day.**
- ✦ **February 17th: SELS Board Meeting** – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., York College, Levitt Library.
- ✦ **February 22nd, March 1st & March 8th – Online Dewey Decimal Classification class** with Devra Dragos from 10 to 11:30 a.m. See page 18 for more information or to register visit: www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/cataloging.html. There is no charge for the 3 online Web sessions.
- ✦ **February 24th – CASTL meeting** in Syracuse. For details see page 5.

March

- ✦ **March 2nd – Read Across America.** For information and ideas to help your library celebrate: www.nea.org/readacross.
- ✦ **March 9th: Summer Reading Workshop** – mark your calendars now! Patti Sinclair and Sally Snyder will be presenting in the morning, and we'll have the presenters'/performers' fair in the afternoon. See page 3 to register.
- ✦ **March 15th – Paraprofessional Spring Meeting** – see page 10.
- ✦ **March 17th – CASTL meeting** in Crete, for details see page 5.
- ✦ **March 24th – ITART Spring Meeting.**
- ✦ **March 30th – Gates workshop** – see page 9.
- ✦ **March 31st – TSRT Spring Meeting** – see page 10.

April

- ✦ **April 2nd – 8th – National Library Week**, visit their website for sample press releases and other promotional items: www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/NLW.htm
- ✦ **April 8th – Colloquium with Joe Janes**, see page 14.
- ✦ **April 11th, 18th & 25th – Basic Skills Organization of Library Materials at Nebraska Library Commission** in the Crane Room from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ✦ **April 13th – Mental Health Workshop** at Eiseley Branch, Lincoln City Libraries. See page 5.
- ✦ **April 14th – NMRT Spring Meeting** at Little Priest Tribal College in collaboration with the Diversity Committee. Details see page 10.
- ✦ **April 20th – CASTL meeting** in Fairmont – joint meeting with Friends and Foundation members.
- ✦ **April 27th – Aged to Perfection SELS Friends fundraiser**, see page 17.



Raise your Mental Health IQ

April 13th, 2006

Walt Branch, Lincoln City Library
6701 South 14th Street, Lincoln

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$15 including lunch

With changes coming soon to the Regional Centers in Nebraska and an increase in public awareness of mental health issues, libraries, often the first line of resources, will need to be prepared to help *all* of their customers. Raise your library's mental health IQ while making yourself comfortable with the issues and solutions.

9:30-10 a.m.- Registration

10 a.m.-12 p.m.- Joe Wright, Lincoln Police Department Sergeant, who developed and teaches the mental health curriculum for new police officers, will address issues that arise in libraries and the best way to handle them.

1-2 p.m. - Pat Talbott, consumer advocate, will share her experiences from the viewpoint of a patient/user/customer

2-3 p.m. - Rayma Shrader, Lincoln City Libraries, will describe her experiences employing those with mental health issues and working with them as volunteers

Name _____

Library _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please mail **registration and \$15 fee** to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE.

Registration deadline is **Friday, April 7.**



**CASTL
Meetings**
Conversations
Among Small Town
Librarians

February 24th: Syracuse City Hall

Morning Session: Book Clubs discussion. Please read:

Small Change: The Secret Life of Penny Burford

by J. Belinda Yandell (Adult fiction)

Godless by Pete Hautman (YA fiction)

Punk Farm by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (picture book)

Afternoon session: Round Robin sharing and troubleshooting

March 17th: Crete Public Library

**Morning Session: Special demographics: young adults
and those living in poverty**

Afternoon session: Round Robin sharing and troubleshooting

**CASTL meetings start at 10 a.m. and end around 3 p.m. Please
let the System office know if you are able to attend.**

800-288-6063 or jennip@alltel.net

NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2006



Debbie Goossen, **Lewiston Consolidated Schools Media Specialist** and a member of the SELS board, volunteers as Mother Goossen at Burwood Books in Beatrice twice monthly for story times. She has a story time on a Thursday evening and one on a Saturday morning during the month.

Burwood Books benefits the Mother to Mother Ministry program. Located in what once was the lobby of the Burwood Hotel, it is a space now filled with used books and consignment gift items. The store is staffed by volunteers. Used book donations are welcome at the bookstore.

MtMM's mission is to provide opportunities for women to build intentional friendships across economic, racial and social barriers in a ministry of reconciliation. Teams of partner moms and support moms meet for fun and fellowship as their time allows.

Submitted by Debbie Goossen

In December the **Fairmont Public Library** held two Saturday Morning Craft sessions at the Library. The first week we made a tin punch door ornament and the second week we made gingerbread houses. Fun was had by all. In January the library will hold some basic computer/internet classes.

Back Row: Haelie Temme, Hannah Marget, Sally Moore, Beth Koca, Simone Marget.

Front Row: Avis Koca, Aiwa Temme, AJ Koca and Noah Temme.

Submitted by Wanda Marget, Fairmont Public Library Director



or -

Weeping Water Public Library is going to have an open house to preview the new Leap Frog machines that were purchased thanks to a Children's Grant from NLC on February 25th from 10:00-12:00 p.m.

The **Syracuse Public Library** has plans for a new two-level, 9,200-square foot building that the community hopes to have completed by 2009. An anonymous benefactor donated a lot across the street from the current building for the site of the new library. Cost of the building is estimated at \$1.3 million, which the Library Foundation hopes to raise through donations and grants so that city funds won't be required. The library received a \$30,000 donation from Barb Behling in October, and another \$100,000 contribution in December from the First National Bank & Trust in Syracuse.

Kilgore Memorial Library has hired a new Youth Services/Assistant Director, Amy Barr. Ms. Barr has a B.A. from Drake University and an M.L.S. from Emporia State University. Her previous library experience includes work in the Lincoln City Library system and an internship at the Nebraska Library Commission. Welcome!

Out with the **Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library**...in with the new **Falls City Public Library**! With the help of a lot of fund raising, a Kiewit Foundation "challenge grant," and much hard work by the library staff, Falls City had ground-breaking ceremonies for their new library on December 3rd.



News and Notes

Youth Grants for Excellence – 2005 Grant Awards

The Nebraska Library Commission awarded a total of \$35,495 in grants for 20 libraries to assist in providing improved services to children and young adults, and to provide continuing education and training opportunities for children and young adult librarians.

Congratulations to these Southeast Library Members!

Beatrice Public Library - \$2,325

Part II of the Teen Area project includes purchase of two CD listening stations; popular Young Adult novels on CD, including YA Golden Sower & Printz winners. Presentations will given by librarian to all sixth grade classes; they are also hoping for a "Teen Scene" radio program or spot

Plattsmouth Public Library - \$1,279

"Book Club for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students" – includes the purchase of floor pillows, one large storage box, and new books for the discussions.

Weeping Water Public Library - \$1,055

"Leap Frog Reading Program" – includes the purchase of ten Leap Pad systems and fifty titles for pre-Kindergarten through grade 3 to be used with them. The library will hold an Open House to introduce systems to community.

Eastern Library System and Southeast Library System - \$3,550

"ELS & SELS Youth Services Retreat with Judy Freeman" -- contract with Judy Freeman who will "demonstrate a variety of motivational, practical techniques to link literature with storytelling, booktalking, reading aloud, creative drama, music ...and much more!"

OCLC CATEXPRESS OFFER FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS: **13 MONTHS FOR THE PRICE OF 12**

NEBASE is again offering a free trial month of the OCLC CatExpress service to new subscribers. CatExpress provides web-based copy cataloging to libraries at a low, flat-fee subscription price.

The OCLC CatExpress trial subscription is a no-risk way to see if CatExpress is right for you and your library. Many libraries new to OCLC would like to know what kind of hit rate they will receive with CatExpress. You may also want to know how the records from OCLC can be processed by your local system. The trial option allows you to do real work with CatExpress, before committing to a subscription.

The introductory subscription is for the month of June 2006, and is free. NEBASE will be taking orders for the CatExpress Free Trial Month from now through May 19. The free trial month will begin on June 1, 2006.

If you do not wish to continue with CatExpress, simply cancel before the end of June. If you do not cancel within that first month, the subscription automatically rolls over to the regular 12 month subscription, which runs from July 2006-June 2007.

If you decide to continue with CatExpress after the free trial month is over, you don't need to do a thing. You will automatically be added to NEBASE's CatExpress Group Subscription. You will only pay for the regular 12 month subscription, receiving 13 months of CatExpress access for the price of 12.

To learn more about CatExpress, and to see the special NEBASE Group Subscription Pricing, go to www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/catx.html

To sign up for the CatExpress Free Trial Month offer or if you have any questions, contact Christa Burns at 402-471-3107, 800-307-2665 or cburns@nlc.state.ne.us.



The Road to the Code

Leads to Lincoln . . .

May 20th, 2006 9:30 a.m.

No standing in line for tickets, no fighting Friday night crowds, no searching for parking – just a chance to see a blockbuster movie with library friends and support the Southeast Library System at the same time. The SELS Friends are pleased to announce that on the morning of Saturday, May 20, a special showing of **“The Da Vinci Code”** will be held at the East Park Theater in Lincoln. The movie, directed by Ron Howard and starring Tom Hanks, premieres at the Cannes film festival on May 17 and will be released in the United States on May 19. Attending the May 20 show guarantees you will be in the know when the movie buzz hits your library!

Advance ticket sales are now available on a first come, first served basis. If you are a member of the SELS Friends, ticket cost is \$7.50 which includes special seating in the Friends VIP section. If you are not a member, general admission tickets are \$10. Admission also qualifies you for refreshment specials and door prizes. Don't delay! Only one showing will be held and seating is limited!

Return this form along with your check made out to SELS Friends to:

SELS Friends
5730 R Street, Ste C-1
Lincoln, NE 68505

You will not receive an actual ticket, but will be checked off a master list when you arrive at the theater. If you are buying multiple tickets (for a book club, for example), either provide us with a list of attendees or be present early to check in the other members of your group as they arrive.

Doors are anticipated to open at 9:00 with the movie starting at 9:30, but as of this writing the movie length has not yet been announced, so this is subject to change. Please check the SELS website, www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/index.html closer to May for confirmation of starting time.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of \$10 tickets = _____

Number of \$7.50 tickets = _____ (each ticket sold at this price must go to a current SELS Friend – to become a member please visit the SELS website for a registration form)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Breathe Deeply:**A Check-up for your Public Access Computers and You**

March 30, 2006 9:00 a.m. –4:30 p.m.

Lincoln Firefighter's Reception Hall, 241 Victory Lane, Lincoln

This Gates Rural Library Sustainability workshop is designed to empower small and rural libraries with information and resources to meet their unique challenges head-on and better manage and sustain their public access computing programs. Representatives from any Nebraska Public Libraries in communities of 25,000 population and under can join us. You can be a library volunteer, a library staff member or a library trustee. Your library does not have to have a Gates computer to participate.

Information will be presented about the following areas:

- ◆ Library Community Connections
- ◆ Upgrade and Maintenance
- ◆ Staff and Patron Training
- ◆ Funding; Outreach
- ◆ Advocacy



There will be opportunities for attendees to share their successes and challenges so that we all can learn from one another. There will also be a session on how to become more familiar with WebJunction as a resource.

We will also have a session after lunch to get feedback from trustees and library staff about the proposed draft of revised chapters of the Nebraska Trustee Manual. This revision is due to the feedback we received from the trustees in last year's survey.

Lunch is included at no cost! Staff should attend all day. Trustees are welcome to attend all day or attend 1/2 the day starting with our Trustee Manual feedback session after lunch which will be approximately 1:00 pm.

Due to the financial support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation the Nebraska Library Commission will be able to provide **mileage reimbursement to participants that drive at least 50 miles or more one way.**

Trustees and Library staff participating in the related Library Commission certification programs will receive **8 hours of CE for attendance all day.** For **1/2 day with lunch trustees can receive 5 hours of CE.**

See www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/gates/gatesrurasustaintrngspg2006.html to register or contact presenter Pam Scott, 402-471-2694 or 800-307-2665, fax: 402-471-2083 or psscott@nlc.state.ne.us

Registration Deadline: March 16, 2006

Gates Rural Library Sustainability workshops are being sponsored by the Gates Foundation, WebJunction, and the Nebraska Library Commission.



Don't forget to register by March 3rd for
Southeast Library System's Summer Reading Workshop!

See: www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/sr2006.pdf
for a registration form.

NLA Spring Meetings



Encourage Someone @ your library[®]

Wednesday, March 15, 2006 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. CT

Paraprofessionals Spring General Meeting 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

- **Session I** - Encouraging Community Participation in our Library **Speakers:** Karen Frank, Greenwood Public Library; and La Raine Cihak, Gilbert Public Library in Friend
 - **Session II** - Encouraging From Within **Speaker:** Becky Pasco, University of Nebraska at Omaha
 - **Session III** - Encouraging Through Mentoring **Speaker:** Cindi Hickey, Library Consultant
- Register Now!

www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/2006Spgmtg/2006Paraspgconfwebsite.html

NMRT and the NLA Diversity Committee invite you to attend:

Discussing Diversity: A Spring Program

at the Little Priest Tribal College Library

Lunch: Lunch/NMRT business meeting (all are welcome for lunch). "Indian tacos" (taco-type fillings on Indian flatbread) will be served.

Session I: Tour of and discussion about the Little Priest Tribal College Library, led by Gretchen Healey, LPTC Library Director. Beside serving a diverse community, LPTC Library is also a dual public-academic library.

Session II: Mini-workshop about reaching diverse groups, including break-out sessions for brainstorming strategies for particular communities.

When: Friday, April 14, 2006 from 1:00PM - 5:00 PM

Where: Little Priest Tribal College Library, Winnebago, NE

Cost: \$15 with lunch; \$10 without lunch

Registration deadline: **April 3, 2006.**

For more information and registration forms: www.nebraskalibraries.org/NMRT/spring_meeting.html

The **NLA Technical Services Round Table** has scheduled its Spring Meeting on Friday, March 31, in the Peter Kiewit Lodge at Mahoney State Park. We have organized an all-day workshop on cataloging electronic serials based on a curriculum designed by the Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program (SCCTP) of the Library of Congress. Margaret Mering of UNL Libraries will conduct the workshop for us.

You can find more information and a registration form at the TSRT Web site:
www.nebraskalibraries.org/TSRT/

SCCTP workshops, when offered in conjunction with national conferences such as ALA, are typically priced at \$175-\$200, but TSRT is offering it for \$50.00 for NLA members and \$40.00 for library science students. We extend our thanks to Margaret Mering for agreeing to provide her expertise; and we also thank Dean Stephen Shorb of the UNO Library for funding copies of the workshop materials and binders which all those attending will receive. We expect that this workshop will address continuing education needs in libraries across the state.

Registration closes on March 15 and is limited to 30 people.



gaming@yourlibrary

Public Library Section and Trustees, Users and Friends Section

Joint Spring Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2006 Gering Public Library

Wednesday, May 24, 2006 Lexington Public Library

Thursday, May 25, 2006 La Vista Public Library

Program

8:45-9:30 Registration

9:30-9:45 Welcome from PLS chair Stephen Hunt and TUFs chair Maggie Harding

9:45-12:30 Opening Session

Russ Harper, Librarian at A.V. Sorensen Branch of the Omaha Public Library will enlighten you about the hot topic of gaming@yourlibrary.

11:00-11:30 Break

12:30-1:30 Catered Lunch and Update on NLA Business

Librarians continue the discussion stimulated from this years "Spring Colloquium" with **Joe Janes**, American Libraries Internet Librarian

1:30-2:30 Mary Jo Ryan will discuss "Encouraging Through Mentoring"

2:30-3:00 Maggie Harding will talk about TUFs by- law changes

Registration Form

Name: _____

Library: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Member's Number _____

Location: Gering Lexington La Vista
PLS Member TUFs Member Non-Member

Registration by **May 17, 2006** Member \$15.00 (includes lunch)

Non NLA-member registration \$20.00 (includes lunch)

Make check payable to NLA PLS section and send to:

Stephen Hunt, Plattsmouth Public Library, 401 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, Nebraska 68048

Voice: 402-296-4154 Fax: 402-296-4712



Disaster Preparedness Workshop

**Monday, May 1 and
Tuesday, May 2, 2006**



The Nebraska Library Commission is presenting a two-day disaster preparedness workshop. The two-day workshops will help Nebraska librarians better understand the importance of library disaster response and recovery planning, be aware of steps to take in developing disaster plans and risk assessment, and become familiar with various disaster recovery activities.

The workshops are being taught by Tom Claerson, Program Director for New Initiatives at the OCLC regional network, PALINET.

Cost for the workshop is \$20. This includes class materials and lunch.

The Nebraska Library Commission will cover costs of lodging for attendees traveling more than 90 miles one-way to the workshop.

Dates: **Monday & Tuesday, May 1 & 2 (9:00—4:00 each day)**

Location: **Firefighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane, Lincoln, NE**

CE Credit: 12 hours

Because of the limited number of seats available for each workshop, each institution is limited to one attendee.

Registration Deadline: April 24, 2006

Register online at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/distasterreg.html

Tentative Agenda

Day 1

- Introduction to Emergency Preparedness & Recovery
- The Planning Process
- Risk Assessment
- Preservation Assessment
- Facilities Risk Assessment
- The Disaster Plan
- Establishing Salvage Priorities

Day 2

- Mitigation & Response
- Health & Safety Precautions
- Equipment & Supplies
- Recovery: Drying Methods
- Demonstration I: Recovery of Books & Paper
- Demonstration II: Other Media
- Wet-Book Pack-Out Exercise
- Sources of Disaster Recovery Assistance
- Cooperative Disaster Planning
- Wrap-up & Evaluation

One Book One Nebraska 2006

One False Move by Alex Kava



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THE NEBRASKA
CENTER FOR
THE BOOK



Nebraska
Library Commission



Nebraska Library Association



The 2006 One Book One Nebraska kicked off with a proclamation by Nebraska Governor Heineman on January 19th. *One False Move*, a contemporary fiction title by Omaha native Alex Kava, was selected to follow last year's statewide read of *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. Book discussion bags with copies of *One False Move*, book discussion questions and promotional items will be available for lending through the Nebraska Regional Library Systems and the Nebraska Library Commission. Other programs and events planned include an author tour and a program with Alex Kava at the NLA/NEMA Conference in Omaha, October 26th. For more information, contacts, programs and resource ideas go to the One Book One Nebraska website at: www.onebookonenebraska.org.

Plan now to host special One Book One Nebraska activities during National Library Week, April 2-8, 2006.



ONE BOOK

ONE NEBRASKA

www.onebookonenebraska.org

Spring Colloquium

An Evening with

Joseph Janes



The Internet Librarian

Join us for a stimulating presentation by Joseph Janes, *American Libraries Internet Librarian*, as he speaks about libraries becoming technologically proactive rather than reactive. Discuss how to retain the friendly, human aspects of the library while installing and utilizing new technologies. Janes is the associate dean in the Information School of the University of Washington in Seattle and is "glad I'm part of a profession that embraces and fosters change and complexity."

Saturday, April 8, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
at The Cornhusker Hotel
Yankee Hill III
333 S. 13th Street, Lincoln, NE

Schedule of Events

5:30 – 6:30	Social hour, cash bar
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner
7:30 – 8:30	Presentation by Joseph Janes
8:30 – 9:30	Discussion

Meal Choices: Options 1 and 2 include choice of coffee, tea, or milk, with chocolate chip cheesecake for dessert.

Option 1: Chicken Marsala

Boneless, skinless chicken breast sautéed in Marsala wine topped with mushrooms and bacon. Served with rice, garden salad, fresh vegetables, and roll and butter.

Option 2 (Vegetarian): Champagne Pasta

Bowtie pasta in a light champagne sauce tossed with spinach, capers, olives, mushrooms, red onions, tomatoes, and Parmesan cheese. Served with garden salad, and rolls and butter.

The Spring Colloquium is sponsored jointly by: the Eastern Library System, the Southeast Library System, the Omaha Public Library, the Lincoln City Libraries, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

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

YES! I want to participate in the Spring Colloquium: An Evening with Joseph Janes, The Internet Librarian

Name _____ Library _____

Work phone _____ Work email _____

Meal Selection (circle 1): Option 1: Chicken Marsala Option 2 (Vegetarian): Champagne Pasta

Send completed registration form and payment of **\$35.00** to: Southeast Library System
5730 R Street, Suite C-1
Lincoln, NE 68505

Deadline: **Friday, March 31, 2006.**

The online world changes so rapidly, it's nearly impossible to stay informed about tools and techniques that might make one's working life easier. Included here are some online tools that I use for two main purposes: saving and accessing files; and, finding and evaluating resources.

1. Need to access files when away from your "home" computer? Use eSnips.com (www.esnips.com/signin/index.jsp) to store files so that you can access them from any Internet terminal. This is a free Web storage site that allows you to store and share resources online.
2. Learn about search tools and read reviews of the various search options. Be aware that this technology changes rapidly, and it's a good idea to check in occasionally with a search review site to see what's new and what's changed. Online searching is a skill that you have to use and update frequently!
 - ◆ Greg Notess' *Search Engine Showdown* www.searchengineshowdown.com/. *Search Engine Showdown*, the users' guide to Web searching, compares and evaluates Internet search engines from the searcher's perspective.
 - ◆ For a quick review of current search tools, read this page on *Internet Search Engines* provided by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln: www.unl.edu/libr/inet/srcheng.html
 - ◆ Both Yahoo! and Google maintain blogs about enhancements, tips, and tricks for searching:
Yahoo! Blog: www.ysearchblog.com
Google Blog: googleblog.blogspot.com
3. Specialized searching is possible in many ways. Google's Uncle Sam (www.google.com/unclesam) searches just .mil (military) and .gov (government) Web sites. SearchEdu.com specializes in education topics. (www.searchedu.com/) And many basic search engines [Google (www.google.com), Teoma (www.teoma.com), Yahoo (www.yahoo.com)] allow domain-specific searching via their Advanced Search pages. This means that it is possible to limit a search to a certain type of domain -- .edu (education), .gov (government), .mil (military), .com (commercial). Sign up for "Tip of the Month" email service from Bates Information Services (www.batesinfo.com/tip.html). Mary Ellen Bates is internationally recognized as a super-searcher. Her "Tip of the Month" service will keep you apprised of unique searching and Web-related news.
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-Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission

Online Tools & Techniques

Caldecott Medal

“*The Hello, Goodbye Window*” illustrated by Chris Raschka, and written by Norton Juster

Newbery Medal

“*Criss Cross*” written by Lynne Rae Perkins

Printz Award

“*Looking for Alaska*” written by John Green

Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award

“*Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue*” written by Julius Lester

Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award

“*Rosa*” illustrated by Bryan Collier, and written by Nikki Giovanni

Pura Belpré (Illustrator) Award

“*Doña Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart*” illustrated by Raul Colón, and written by Pat Mora

Pura Belpré (Author) Award

“*The Tequila Worm*” written by Viola Canales

Schneider Family Book Award

for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience

Children ages 0 to 10: “*Dad, Jackie, and Me*” by Myron Uhlberg, illustrated by Colin Bootman

Middle-school (ages 11-13) “*Tending to Grace*” by Kimberly Newton Fusco

The teen (ages 13-18): “*Under the Wolf, Under the Dog*” by Adam Rapp

New Award - First time to be awarded!

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award

for the most distinguished beginning reader book

“*Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas*” by Cynthia Rylant and illustrated by Suçie Stevenson

Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award

“*Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley*” by Sally M. Walker

Margaret A. Edwards Award

Jacqueline Woodson is the 2006 Edwards Award winner. Her books include: “*I Hadn’t Meant to Tell You This*,” and its sequel, “*Lena*,” “*From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun*,” “*If You Come Softly*” and “*Miracle’s Boys*.”

Mildred L. Batchelder Award

for an outstanding children’s book translated from a foreign language and subsequently published in the United States

“*An Innocent Soldier*.” Originally published in German in 2002 as “*Der Rusländer*,” the book

was written by Josef Holub and translated by Michael Hofmann

For a brief description of the award-winning books, plus the lists of honor books in each category: www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=bookmediaawards

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Aged to Perfection 2006



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When and where can I register for the course?

The Regional Library System offices will take registrations through February 21, 2006. They are offered on a first come basis – so don't delay. If you are interested in registering for the course listed above, contact your Regional Library System office.

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Instructor: Devra Dragos, Cataloging Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

Fees: None **Time:** 10:00-11:30 am (Central Time) **Three Sessions:** February 22, March 1, March 8

Class Size Limit: 20 participants

**Southeast Library System Board Meeting
December 16, 2005
Lincoln, Nebraska**

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE – Lincoln, Libraries); Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School Library); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Deb Goossen (Lewiston Consolidated Schools Library); Ken Gunselman (York College Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora)

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant)

Board Members Absent: Stephen Hunt (Plattsmouth Public Library); Hope Schawang (Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library, Falls City)

Agenda

What's New Around the System: President Olivigni called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Board members provided updates on their libraries and other library-related activities. Deb Goossen has developed a Mother Goose reading to children program. Sandy Elton reported that her library hopes to be online by June 2006. Ken Gunselman reported that Ruth Carlock from his staff has completed her Masters Degree in Library Science. Lisa Olivigni reported that Crete Library received a Nebraska Humanities Council grant as a "Prime Time" site to work with families and reading. Tom Schmitz received a 30 year state employee award. Karen Frank reported a piece of the Greenwood Public Library ceiling fell, due to deteriorating support from the back wall of the 100 year old building. Becky Baker reported that thirteen gift baskets were created as a local fund raiser for the Seward Memorial Library.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes for October 7, 2005 was made by Deb Goossen and seconded by Sandy Elton. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Jenni reviewed the transaction report dated 10/6/05 through 12/15/05. Jenni noted that the workshops continue to be well attended. Van repairs were made in October. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Karen Frank. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report: Brenda highlighted several of her activities from October 7, 2005 through December 15, 2005 as outlined in her written report. Brenda attended the MPLA Conference held in Wyoming and the October Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling. CASTL meetings were held in November (Pawnee City) and December (Lincoln). Brenda and Jenni attended the Jim Trelease and Patrick Jones workshops in Seward. Brenda participated in the Nebraska Center for the Book and Nebraska Library Association (NLA) meetings in December and shared information on the 2006 One Book One Nebraska project. Nebraska Center for the Book and NLA voted to support the 2006 project and read of One False Move by Alex Kava. SELS and ELS submitted a Youth Services Grant proposal to bring in Judy Freeman as a presenter for the 2006 Youth Services Retreat and were notified that grant proposal was funded. Brenda taught a Collection Development Course of Basic Skills in Seward along with Becky Baker. Brenda attended a Hamilton College Advisory Board meeting. She also attended a meeting to begin planning for the 2007 Leadership Institute. She attended the Health Symposium and System Administrator's Meeting in North Platte in November and a NLA Finance Committee meeting in December. She worked on a Nebraska Regional Library System LSTA grant for iPods, MP3 players and books for loan and training use from System offices. There was no report from the Nebraska Library Commission.

Board Member Appointment: Robin Brooks' vacancy was discussed by board members. After several names were considered, a motion was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Jan Thomsen to appoint Kris Rogge to the Board. Motion carried. Kris' appointment will run until June 2007.

One Book One Nebraska: The One Book One Nebraska project is well under way. There will be a Proclamation by the Governor on January 19, 2006. The book selected, One False Move, is by Omaha native, Alex Kava. Promotional materials, etc. are still being finalized.

Things That Must Go: Jenni distributed a list of items in the SELS office that are no longer needed and asked the board for approval to dispose of them. A motion to approve the list, except for the chairs, was made by Rebecca Bernthal and seconded by Becky Baker. Motion carried. Items will be offered to area libraries on permanent loan from the System. Interested libraries will be asked to respond by February 1, 2006 with the goal of getting all items distributed by March 1, 2006.

Committee Meetings: The board recessed for lunch. Committee meetings convened after the recess and then reported.

CE Committee: The Summer Reading Program workshop will be March 9, 2006 in Seward. Ideas for the May 2006 Extravaganza should be given to Lisa Olivigni.

CP Committee: Committee members continued planning for SELS promotional materials and their distribution. The acronyms sheet is completed. Stephen Hunt is designing the envelopes.

CNN Committee: A first batch of Baker's Chocolates sold out; a second batch was ordered and is almost gone. The committee discussed giving candy to the senators since NLA Legislative Day is in on Valentine's Day this year. Brenda suggested contacting Michael LaCroix, head of the NLA legislative committee, to discuss possible options. The committee discussed selling gel bracelets with the slogan "Libraries Matter" (available from the Alliance Library System of Illinois). The committee decided to order 100 bracelets and sell them for \$3.00 each as a fund raiser. The committee discussed the theme, "Aged to Perfection", for the April 27, 2006 event which will be a wine and cheese party with antique appraisals available to attendees. The idea of a movie theater fund-raiser has been put on hold for now. Memberships in SELS Friends will be listed on the SELS web page with quarterly updates planned. Ideas to promote membership in the SELS Friends group will be discussed at future meetings.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm

February/March 2006

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