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Why I Am Here: A School Librarian's Creed

By Joyce Valenza, edited by Brian Kenney

I am not an anachronism.

I introduce young people to the rich world of books and literature. I am here to see the joy on a girl's face when she shares her love for a book she stayed up all night to finish. Recently, I saw that joy on a boy's face when he borrowed his first ereader.

I have a collection that includes everything a modern, literate kid needs; ebooks, audiobooks, open source software, streamed media, flash drives, digital cameras, tripods, laptops, tools for digital storytelling and publishing, cookies, and pretzels. My collection includes and validates my own students' writings, art, and media.

I am here to help learners ask important questions. I am here to help them understand that when they ask questions, they have a rich toolkit available to answer them. This toolkit goes beyond one big search engine and includes high-quality databases, ebooks, blogs and tweets, magazines and newspapers, wikis and scholarly journals, and primary sources and media of all sorts.

I am here to organize the information world for my teachers and their classes.

I create and maintain websites and pathfinders to help them access content. I model how they might organize their own information worlds and networks.

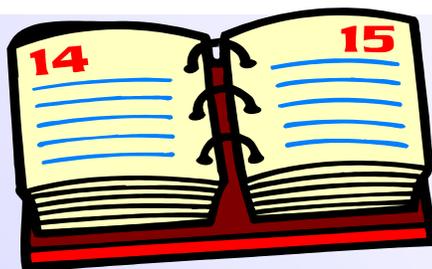
I am here to help learners question and critically evaluate information, to triangulate the authority of information and media in all formats. (My kids can evaluate a website before they even visit it.)

I am here to teach kids strategies so they can effectively and efficiently find the information they need. I am here to teach them search tricks, tricks that have legs, special tricks that give them special searching powers.

I help students build knowledge from the information they gather. I help them analyze and synthesize and make meaning so that they can use information to solve problems and make decisions.

I help learners communicate and collaborate using today's tools.

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CALENDAR

February 2011

February 11th – SELS Board Meeting at Beatrice Public Library; Tour at 9:30, Meeting at 10:00.

February 14th – Public Library Statistical Reports due via Bibliostat Collect. For more information go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/Statistics/BibliostatCollect.html.

February 16th – Proclamation ceremony at the Capitol at 10:30 a.m. for 2011 One Book One Nebraska title – *Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps* by Ted Kooser.

February 18th – CASTL Meeting at Wymore Public Library, 10 to 3. JoAnn McManus from the NLC will be talking about the Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities project. We encourage you to choose a title from the RUSA Reading List (<http://rusa.ala.org/blog/2011/01/09/2011readinglist/>) from the Science Fiction genre. You can read the winner – *The Dervish House* by Ian McDonald, or one from the short list: *Ark* by Stephen Baxter, *Blonde Bombshell* by Tom Holt, *Darkship Thieves* by Sarah Hoyt, or *The Lifecycle of Software Objects* by Ted Chiang. Or if you're still not tempted, try one of the Read-Alikes: *Pattern Recognition* by William Gibson, *When Gravity Fails* by George Alec Effinger or *The Windup Girl* by Paolo Bacigalupi. Join us for part or all of the day.

February 20th – “The Inspiring Story of Abraham Lincoln and Nebraska” presented by author Susan Grace Dittman of Lincoln at Seward Memorial Library, 2:00 P.M. See page 8 for more info.

February 21st – Library Appreciation Reception at SouthPointe Barnes & Noble in Lincoln from 9:30 to 11 a.m. All Nebraska public librarians are invited.

February 24th – Deadline for submitting E-rate form 470 if you are interested in getting discounts on telephone and/or internet. If you have questions, contact: Christa Burns at NLC – 402-471-3107 or 800-307-2665 or e-mail: christa.burns@nebraska.gov

February 24th – 26th – Nebraska State Reading Association Annual Conference at the Ramada Inn in Kearney. The preconference features Dr. Julie Kozisek, Professor of Education at Doane College, with a presentation on – Using Strategy Groups to Help Your Students Become Better Readers. Conference sessions include programs on evaluating new nonfiction titles, English language learners, strategies for reaching & teaching culturally and linguistically diverse learners, engaging boy readers and improving reading comprehension. For more information and to register go to: www.nereads.org.

February 25th – NLA Legislative Day . For information and to register, go to: <http://www.elsne.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/LegDay2011.pdf>

March 4th – SELS Summer Reading Workshop at Gere Branch Library in Lincoln from 10 to 4. See page 9 for details.

March 5th – Nebraska Storytelling Festival, see page 8 for more.

March 6-12th – Teen Tech Week, check out <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw11/home11.cfm>

March 10th – SELS/NEMA Workshop at Adams Elementary Media Center in Lincoln from 5 to 7:30. See page 7 for details.

March 18th – CASTL Meeting at Greenwood Public Library – starting at 10 a.m. We'll view the documentary of Steig Larsson – author of The Millenium-series – *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl Who Played with Fire* and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest*. Read one or all of the titles for the book discussion at this meeting. We'll also discuss an article on consent agendas – as a method for saving time on routine items for board meetings. We'll finish up with a round robin discussion where you can share ideas, questions, and goings-on at your library. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the day.

March 24th – Paraprofessional Section & Special & Institutional Section 2011 Spring Meeting – Collaboration Across Libraries. You can participate by webinar at your personal computer, or as a group at sites in Lincoln and Omaha. For more information and registration go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/2011springmeeting/2011Paraspgconfwebsite.html.

April 2nd – Young Adult Round Table (YART) Spring Meeting at LaVista Public Library. See page 11 for details. Cosponsored by SCYP.

April 6th – 9th – Montana Library Association and Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Conference in Billings, Montana. For more information and registration go to: <http://tandteventsites.com/>.

April 21st – NLA PLTS Spring Meeting in Seward with guest presenter – Michael Sullivan. See pages 12-13 for details.

Library Science

Informational Meeting



Join us for an information session about obtaining MU's popular master's degree in Library Science.

Classes are offered in Omaha, so you can get a degree from MU without ever coming to Columbia.

We invite you to come and learn about the exciting opportunities available for graduates of our American Library Association (ALA) accredited master's program. The session will start with a presentation about the Library Science curriculum, and the last part of the session is an open, informal time for questions and answers; so please stop by and visit with us.

We look forward to seeing you! Light refreshments will be served.

Omaha, NE

Saturday, March 5

12:00 p.m.

University of

Nebraska-Omaha

Criss Library Faculty

Center - Second Floor

Campus Map:

<http://www.unomaha.edu/maps>

For additional information,
please contact
Dr. Rebecca Pasco at
rpasco@mail.unomaha.edu

LIS.Missouri.edu

University of Missouri



The Southeast Library System Friends have up to \$245 to share with appropriate applicants who submit their scholarship request at www.selsfriends.org by February 14. The application window will not be extended, so please complete the application form right away if you are interested.



The FINAL day to enter recipes is also Monday, February 14. After that, we will begin proofing what has been entered and then we will be sending it in for printing later this month. All login information is at www.selsfriends.org. This really is your last chance – please make the most of it!

This year's Aged to Perfection event at James Arthur Vineyard has been changed to Friday, April 29. Look for the registration form on page 5, or online at <http://selsfriends.org/aged11.pdf> and send it in today. Whether you can come or not, please help us promote the event to your coworkers, friends, and family members. You can also help by donating items to the mini-auction that closes the event. Any kind of treasure is welcome for the auction; whether it is "aged to perfection" or not! This is a very fun, relaxing event that everyone always enjoys - all while helping out the Southeast Library System.



Last, we have been busy looking ahead to future 2011 events. **Bookfairs at the South Pointe Barnes and Noble store have been scheduled for June 11 and November 25.** Please mark your calendars now and plan to spend a lot of money those days! Also, we are working on setting up another private movie showing, this one for the final Harry Potter movie. The date we are looking at is Saturday, July 16, in the morning. Join the crowd that day as we bid fond farewell to a legendary series.

Aged to Perfection 2011

A fundraiser for the SELS Friends



Join the
Southeast Library System Friends

on Friday, April 29, 2011
at the James Arthur Vineyards

Social Hour
5:00 - 6:00

Antique Check-in at 5:45

Dinner
6:00 - 6:30

Informational/Appraisal Program by Tom Bassett
6:30 - 7:30

A mini-auction of donated "treasures" will follow the program.
Please consider donating items for this auction.

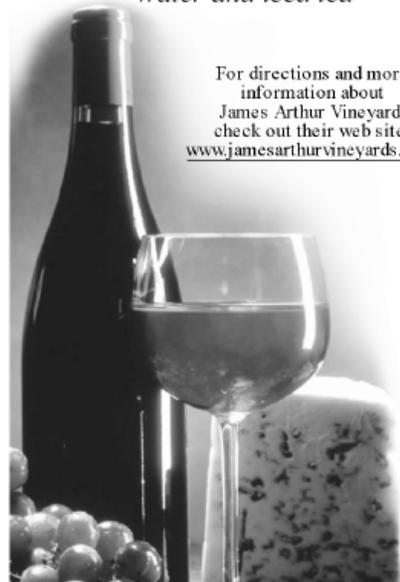


Your \$20 registration fee includes dinner and the appraisal of two antiques if you are a current SELS Friends member. If you are not currently a member, the fee includes dinner and one antique appraisal. Wine tasting and purchasing either by the glass or the bottle is an option during the event. Other beverages are also for sale.

If you have never been a member of SELS Friends, join now and your membership will extend through June 2012 and your wine tasting at Aged to Perfection 2011 will be free. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit www.selsfriends.org.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Salad Croissant
Red potato salad
Spinach artichoke dip and chips
Lemon bars and "Killer" brownies
Cubed cheese and crackers
Fruit tray
Water and iced tea



For directions and more information about James Arthur Vineyard, check out their web site: www.jamesarthurvineyards.com



To register, please fill out and return this form by April 22, 2011:

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

I would like a vegetarian meal

Please include \$20 for each person registering and mail to:

Southeast Library System Friends
 233 South 5th Street
 Seward, NE 68434

Admission will be \$15 at the door and no dinner will be included.

Sowings, *continued from page 1*



I help them become writers, producers, storytellers, networkers, and sharers of new knowledge.

I help them discover that what they create should have meaning for an audience. That it should make a difference.

I teach kids to be solid and proud digital citizens, and kind bloggers, tweeters, and networkers. I help them understand their digital footprints, and help them build academic digital footprints.

I show them how to respect the intellectual property of others. I introduce them to the Creative Commons movement, and they are beginning to attribute Creative Commons licensing to their own works. I teach them about the rights and the limits of fair use, how to cite, and when to quote.

I work with teachers to build instruction, projects and assessments that focus on creativity and meaning and use the most up-to-date information tools and strategies.

I have created a library that's not merely a place to get stuff, but is also a place to create stuff, which means that it's more transformational than transactional, more a kitchen than a grocery store. It's noisy with the sounds of podcasters, video productions, storytelling, and presentations.

I am here to ensure that all students have equitable access to the tools they need; I know that access to these tools is an intellectual freedom issue.

I maintain a virtual library that's available everywhere, open day and night.

I make kids smile and laugh, but I also make them work hard.

I am a growing, vibrant, central element of my school's learning culture.

I make a difference!

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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.

- February 18th – Wymore Public Library
- March 18th – Greenwood Public Library
- April 14th – Exeter Public Library
- June 17th — **CHANGE OF DATE**— Seward Memorial Library (Golden Sower Book Review)
- July 22nd – Kilgore Memorial Library – York
- August 11th – Bruun Memorial Library – Humboldt
- September 16th – Morton-James Public Library –
Nebraska City
- November 3rd – Lincoln
- December 8th – Pawnee City Public Library

SELS/NEMA Workshop

March 10, 2011

Place: Adams Elementary Media Center
7401 Jacobs Creek Dr, Lincoln, Nebraska 68512

Time: 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Program:

- Light dinner
- Karla Wendelin's booktalk on this year's award winners
- Melody Kenney and others will present information on tablet devices
- Time for networking and sharing ideas with peers, and exploring the new media center at Adams!

Cost: \$10, includes dinner

Enclose \$10 registration fee for each person attending.

Registration deadline is **Friday, March 4, 2011.**

Make checks payable to Southeast Library System.

Name: _____

School/

Library: _____

E-Mail: _____

Send registration form to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R St.,
Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.

News and Notes



Books ON FIRE in the Library

A new black cart with bright



Painted flames recently rolled into the library. Extra copies of the most popular books at Seward Memorial Library were purchased and placed on its shelves. Now when patrons come in looking for a high demand title, they can check the ON FIRE cart first. If the book they want is there, they can avoid placing their name on a long waiting list and leave the library a happy reader. ON FIRE titles have a 14 day checkout period and may not be reserved at any time. Patrons are invited to check back often to see if the items they want are ON FIRE!

THE INSPIRING STORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND NEBRASKA

Seward Memorial Library will soon host local author Susan Grace Dittman of Lincoln, Nebraska. She will talk about her recent book, *Abraham Lincoln's Shining Star*, which highlights amazing parallels between Abraham Lincoln and Nebraska. Discover

how Lincoln influenced our state more than any other. Everyone is welcome to this one hour program on Sunday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Dittman's books will be available for purchase and signing. Her presentation will introduce you to new reasons for being proud of our state while you celebrate President's Day weekend.

2011 SUMMER READING CD

Seward Memorial Library is placing a group order for the 2011 Summer Reading music CD, "Rockin' All Over the World". Songs included are:

1. One World, Many Stories
2. The Continental Jump
3. A Place for Every Letter of the Alphabet
4. It's a Small World After All
5. States and Capitols of the USA
6. Say Hello Around the World
7. Where in the World Am I?
8. Rocking All Over the World
9. Living in a Land Down Under
10. Back in the U.S.S.R.

Listen to the tour online for free at www.summerreadingsongs.com.

The CDs will be \$8.25 each, but depending on how many are ordered the price may be even lower. If you'd like to order a copy (or two) as part of a group to help lower the price, contact Becky Baker at:

Becky.baker@sewardlibrary.org.

The order will be placed on February 28th.

NEBRASKA STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

The Nebraska Storytelling Festival is on March 5. There will be workshops and performances by national and regional storytellers.

Charlie Chin tells stories in the historic Chinese Tea House style wearing a scholars' robe, Pippa White uses her extensive historic research to share the voices of Nebraska, and Larry Brown tells traditional stories from the mid-west and around the world. Our web page provides details. Please share this family friendly event with others.

http://www.nebraskastoryarts.org/nebraska_festival.html

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

The American Community Survey is an annual survey taken in every community and rural area of the country. Because it is sample data, results have been rolled out gradually for the past five years, starting with state and county level data. Finally after 5 years we have detailed estimates for the smallest communities, which is most of our towns in Nebraska. The reason for the wait is the need to have years of data to make results more accurate and preserve confidentiality.

The quickest way to get a profile for your community is to go to the American Factfinder site <http://factfinder.census.gov/>

In the **Get a Fact Sheet for your Community** box type the name of your community and choose Nebraska. You will get a profile of social, economic, housing and population estimates. And here's the really cool part: if you click on any of the **show more** links it will bring up more data for the town you specified.

One World, Many Stories

2011 SELS Summer Reading Workshop

Friday March 4th

Join us at Gere Branch Library in Lincoln from 10 a.m. to 4

- 10 to 10:30 Check-In
- 10:30 to 12 Bring an idea to share about books, projects, or programs!
- 12 to 1 Talk and Signing with John Kalkowski – Author of Red Cell. Books will be available to purchase.
- 1 to 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 to 3 Book Reviews and Book Talks with Glenda Willnerd and Sally Snyder
- 3 to 4 Teen Programs & Services with Sarah Dale-Piersol and Susan Steider
- 4 to 4:30 Die Cutting Time, don't forget to bring paper!

Gere Branch Library is located at 2400 South 56th Street in Lincoln.

**Cost: \$15
(includes lunch)
Earn 6 CE Credits**



Name _____
 Library _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Send Registration by February 25th to:
 Southeast Library System
 5730 R St., Suite C-1
 Lincoln, NE 68505
 Fax: (402)467-6196

TABLE TALK

SPRING MEETING

Our spring meeting date, agenda, and location have been finalized! We will be sharing program and lesson plan ideas, introduce the first of our “Program in a Box” initiative, and get some great book recommendations from everyone’s favorite book maven: Sally Snyder! We will also be having an optional lunch with the YART Board to tell us what *you* want out of YART. Three hours of donuts, coffee, juice, ideas, camaraderie, books, and prizes for only \$10! On top of all that, you get three CE credits. What more could you ask for? Check out the flyer on page 11. We would like to have the registration and payment in by March 28th.

PLTS AND READ ALOUD NEBRASKA WORKSHOPS

Also going on in April, PLTS and Read Aloud Nebraska have teamed up to bring Michael Sullivan to Nebraska to present some incredible workshops called: “Connecting Boys With Books” and “Breaking all the Rules.” These will be in Alliance (12th), Lexington (13th), Norfolk (15th), and Seward (21st). I heartily encourage you to consider attending one of these workshops if you can. More information can be found at the Read Aloud Nebraska site: <http://www.readaloudnebraska.org/> or on pages 12 and 13.

YART BLOG UPDATES

In other news, Jake and I are working to make some changes to our blog (<http://nlayart.blogspot.com/>), with the intent of making it a more valuable resource for all of us. We are spotlighting public and school librarians with interviews focusing on helping us do more for and with one another. In these times, any way we can share resources is good for all of us. Don’t be shy; let Jake know if you’d like to be featured! Just toss him an email at jrundle@hastings.lib.ne.us. In addition to updating the blog, we are working feverishly to embed a forum. Hopefully the forum will encourage and enable all of us to share ideas, ask questions, get help, and maybe give us a few laughs. It is still in the preliminary phases, but I hope to have it up and running by the end of the week. Keep your eyes on the “YART Forums” link for any developments!

NLA SESSIONS

It isn’t too early to start thinking about presenting a session at NLA. If you have something you would like to present please let us know. We want to sponsor as many sessions as we can. Along those lines, if you have any suggestions for sessions you would like to see from your YART board, we’ll do what we can to make it happen!

CONTACT YART:

Gordon Wyant, Chair

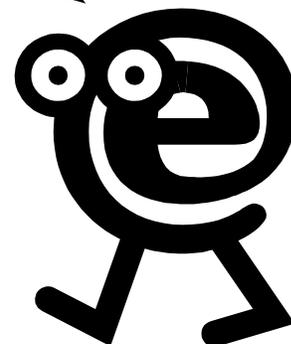
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YART YOUNG ADULT READABLE SPRING MEETING!

Cosponsored by SCYP

Saturday April 2nd
LaVista Public Library
9110 Giles Rd
10am – 1ish

Come network with other YARTers, learn how YART can help you, leave with ideas for your summer programs and lesson plans, and maybe even win a prize!

☺ Oh yeah, there will be donuts and coffee, too! ☺

Agenda

1. Introductions and Booktalk/Program Share
2. Program in a Box and YOU! (What the program in a box program is and how it can enrich your lesson plans and programs)
3. Speed Programming
4. Sally Snyder's Books You Gotta Read!
5. Wrap-up and recruit session presenters for NLA
6. Optional lunch with YART board. Tell us what you want to get out of YART

Cost: \$10 (\$5 if you bring a prize for our super fun white elephant door prize) and a program idea or book to share with us.

Registrations must be received by March 28th

Make checks out to YART

3 Hours of CE credit!

Name _____
 Library _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Send registration and payment to:

YART
 c/o Lindsey Tomsu
 La Vista Public Library
 9110 Giles Rd
 La Vista, Nebraska 68128

PRE-ORDER YOUR BOOKS!

Before April 1

Please indicate the quantity of books you would like to pre-order on the lines provided. All books are paperback format.

Professional Titles:

- Connecting Boys With Books _____ \$37.00
- Connecting Boys With Books 2 _____ \$42.00
- Fundamentals of Children's Services _____ \$50.00
- Serving Boys Through Readers Advisory _____ \$48.00

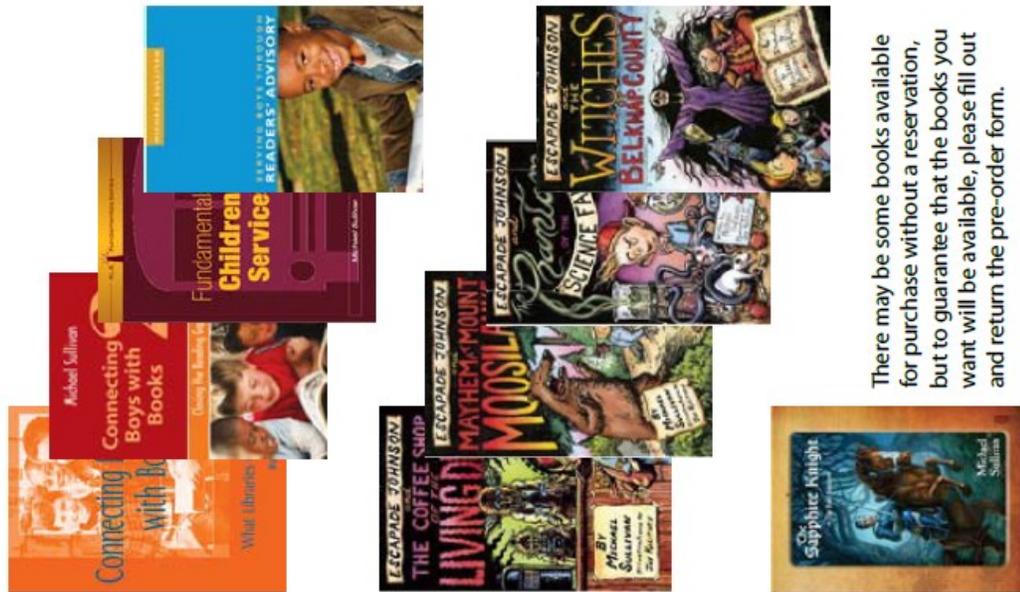
Youth Titles:

- Escapade Johnson and The Coffee Shop of the Living Dead _____ \$6.95
- Escapade Johnson and Mayhem at Mount Moosilauke _____ \$6.95
- Escapade Johnson and The Phantom of the Science Fair _____ \$6.95
- Escapade Johnson and The Witches of Belknap County _____ \$6.95
- The Sapphire Knight _____ \$12.95

Total due for books \$ _____

Sorry, no purchase orders will be accepted. Make checks payable to Read Aloud Nebraska.

Mail to:
 Read Aloud Nebraska
 233 South 5th Street
 Seward, NE 68434



There may be some books available for purchase without a reservation, but to guarantee that the books you want will be available, please fill out and return the pre-order form.

5 Hours CE Credit

Funding for this program was received from AT&T and NLA PLTS.

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



Read Aloud Nebraska

Nebraska Library Association's Public Library and Trustee Section

and the

Nebraska Regional Library Systems

present

MICHAEL SULLIVAN

Connecting Boys With Books

Breaking All the Rules

April 12 - Alliance
 April 13 - Lexington
 April 15 - Norfolk
 April 21 - Seward

PRESENTATION

Connecting Boys With Books:

Boys are in trouble. All right, it seems boys are always in trouble, but this is serious. Boys are failing to read at an alarming rate. Libraries are not solving the problem because boys are not a presence in libraries. Find out how we lose boys, and why, what the consequences are for boys, and what we can do to save boys from lives as non-readers. Michael Sullivan brings more than fifteen years experience as a Children's Librarian and Library Director, storyteller, chess teacher, and author. He will share practical, proven, and sometimes off-beat suggestions on how to turn boys into lifelong readers.

Breaking All the Rules:

Which is more important, the way things have always been done, or the person standing in front of the circulation desk? Think carefully, the future of our libraries may depend on the answer. One library maverick will challenge every assumption about public libraries. Hold on tight; whether you are a library patron or employee, this will be a ride.

For more information about Michael Sullivan visit his website at www.talestoldtall.com

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Registration and refreshments

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome

9:30 a.m. - Noon

Connecting Boys With Books

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Breaking All the Rules

3:00 p.m.

Book Signing

Registration fee:

\$20 if received by April 1
\$30 after April 1

April 12	April 13
Alliance Public Library	Lexington Public Library
1750 Sweetwater Ave.	907 N. Washington St.

April 15	April 21
Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College in Norfolk	Seward High School Auditorium
801 E. Benjamin Ave.	532 Northern Heights Drive

Email info@readaloudnebraska.org if you have any questions

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Choose a location:

- April 12 Alliance Public Library
- April 13 Lexington Public Library
- April 15 Norfolk - Northeast Community College
- April 21 Seward High School

Books by Michael Sullivan may be pre-ordered before *April 1* using the back of this form.

Choose a payment option:

- Pay for registration and books now
- Pay for registration now and books at the event

You can register and pay online at www.readaloudnebraska.org or you can mail this registration with your check to the address shown on the back of this form.

Purchase orders not accepted.

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You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend.

Paul Sweeney

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: www.selsne.org.) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.