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Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

February 2012

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### SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

I just returned from American Libraries Association (ALA) Midwinter Conference in Dallas as a part of my new role as Nebraska Library Association ALA Councilor. I'm thrilled to be serving in this capacity and already learning lots about the behind the scenes functioning of ALA – which is fascinating, and pretty impressive considering the size of the organization and their various roles. A major theme of the conference was “**Empowering Voices, Transforming Communities**” in what is certain to be an evolving conversation on how libraries and librarianship can transform to meet their challenges as well as those of their communities.

Here are some highlights from ALA Midwinter:

- **Resolution on Publishers & Practices Which Discriminate Against Library Users** that speaks to some of the issues that have arisen with digital content. (Think back to Jo Budler at the ELS/SELS Fall Colloquium.) The resolution expresses ALA's opposition to discriminatory policies that adversely impact access to content by library users. ALA has also appointed a Working Group on Digital Content to examine the issues further.
- **Resolution in Support of Intellectual Freedom in the Tucson Unified School District Mexican American Studies Program** in opposition actions that restricted access to materials and open inquiry. The resolution also supports passage of HB2654 by the Arizona Legislature, which would repeal sections that related to school curriculum in Arizona Revised Statutes.
- **Defend the Freedom to Read: It's Everybody's Job** is an awareness campaign to encourage the reporting of challenges to library materials. You can find artwork that is freely available to download as a poster, web banner and more at: [www.ala.org/challengereporting](http://www.ala.org/challengereporting).
- **Libraries & Internet Toolkit** was recently updated and is intended as a guide for managing internet services in libraries of all types – and includes up-to-date information on CIPA, social media, and policies. Find it at: [www.ifmanual.org/toolkit](http://www.ifmanual.org/toolkit).



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What's your library's plan for National Library Week? Kicking back with a good book and a nice cup of tea? You *wish* you had that kind of time at work? This year, find a little time for yourselves on April 13th and celebrate Southeast Library System's first annual...

# READ IN



Contact SELS for more information and ideas on how to celebrate the Read In at your library.

**CHALLENGING LIBRARY STEREOTYPES  
ONE PAGE TURN AT A TIME**

# **SELS/NEMA Workshop**

**March 1, 2012**

5:00 to 7:30 PM @ Lincoln High School  
Media Center  
2229 J Street, Lincoln

Join us for:

- 5:00-5:30 Light meal with time for networking and conversation
- 5:30-6:30 Carol Oltman, Certified Google Apps for Education Trainer from Beatrice High School, on Google
- 6:30-7:30 Scott Clark from Lincoln City Libraries on Flickr Basics and Beyond

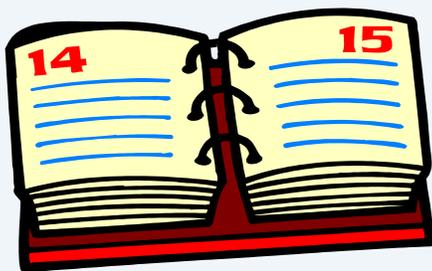
Enclose \$10 registration fee (includes meal) for each attendee. Registration deadline is **Monday, February 24th**. Make checks payable to Southeast Library System.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Library: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# CALENDAR

February 2012

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting at Auburn Memorial Library. Topics of conversation will be NebrasKard and the SELS Plan. Also, pick your favorite book published in 2011 to book talk, or read one of the top 5 picked by Heller McAlpin, a New York-based critic who reviews books regularly for NPR.org, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, The San Francisco Chronicle and others. Heller recently selected five books from 2011 that rose to the top from the scores she reads throughout the year, as well as two that continue to enthrall: *The Sense of An Ending* by Julian Barnes; *There But For The* by Ali Smith; *Blue Nights* by Joan Didion; *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach; *Moby-Duck* by Donovan Hohn or Ann Patchett's *State of Wonder* or Yannick Murphy's *The Call*. Also on the agenda will be the round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** – Nebraska Public Library Survey due

**February 13<sup>th</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Organization of Library Materials. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**February 17<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board Meeting at Pawnee City Public Library

**February 27<sup>th</sup>** – NLA Advocacy Day in Lincoln (see page 6 for details).

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** – Big Talk From Small Libraries (online) – 9:00 to 5:00 - [www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11051](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11051) or see page 6.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** – NEMA/SELS Workshop at Lincoln High. See page 3.

**March 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>** – Teen Tech Week – Geek Out @ your library! This year's theme encourages libraries to throw open their physical and virtual doors to teens and showcase the outstanding technology they offer. Find more information and ideas for celebrating at: <http://teentechweek.ning.com/>.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Introduction to Metadata – Creighton University – Omaha; 9:00 to 4:00; <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11147>

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** – NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Meeting is open to the public and runs from 9:30 to 12:00. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, (402)471-4007 or [sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Michelle Alexander author of *The New Jim Crow* – workshop at Creighton University, and also appearing as keynote for ACLU Nebraska Annual Dinner at Tip Top Ball Room in Omaha.

**March 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>** – Public Library Association (PLA) Conference 2012 in Philadelphia: <http://placonference.org>.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Freedom of Information Day – an annual event coordinated with the birthday of James Madison, who is widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and a foremost advocate for openness in government, to promote public access to government information and the public's right to know.

**March 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Leadership. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go

to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – CASTL meeting at Crete Public Library. Come learn about Mango – an online language learning program with resources for ELL patrons and English speakers wishing to learn a foreign language. For this month's book talk read – *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai. There will also be a round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Libraries) Meeting at the Lincoln Regional Center.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – NLA Paraprofessional Spring Meeting – Online. For more information go

to: [www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paraspringmeeting.html](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paraspringmeeting.html), or contact Janet Greser (402) 471-2010 or [janet.greser@nebraska.gov](mailto:janet.greser@nebraska.gov).

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Library Policy. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**April 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** – National Library Week - [www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek](http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek).

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** – PLTS Spring Meeting in Columbus – Programs planned include: Weeding tips & tricks, Using the DHHS Website to best serve your customers, and Quick & Easy Strategic Plans. Also get an update on updated Public Library Guidelines.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – PLTS Spring Meeting in Hastings

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Read In

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – YART Spring Meeting in Gothenburg

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board Meeting in Plattsmouth

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – CHANGE OF DATE & LOCATION** – CASTL meeting at James Arthur Vineyard. We'll be talking about a couple of great resources from ALA – Libraries & Internet Toolkit: [www.ifmanual.org/toolkit](http://www.ifmanual.org/toolkit) and The Small but Powerful Guide to Winning Big Support for Your Rural Library: [www.ala.org/offices/olos/toolkits/rural](http://www.ala.org/offices/olos/toolkits/rural). For our book talks, select something from the ALA Reference & User Services Association's (RUSA) Reading List for 2012 – which includes 8 different genres – so there should be something in that list for everyone. You can find it on the RUSABlog at: <http://rusa.ala.org/blog/2012/01/22/2012-readinglist/>. Also on the agenda will be the round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

**April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Programming and Outreach. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

Now's your chance! Attend the Nebraska Library Association Library Advocacy Day on February 27, 2012. Registration is now open at:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/legislationadvocacy/advocacy-day/>

Our state library commissioners are attending and will speak on advocacy at the morning briefing. Volunteer recognition nominees are rolling in.

This is a doubly exciting year for Advocacy Day, as the Nebraska League of Municipalities Winter Conference is February 27 & 28th at the Cornhusker. Use this opportunity to invite your Mayor or other city official to have lunch with you and your senator on the 27th. The NLA Legislative Committee and the Regional Library Systems are currently planning to have a booth in the exhibit area during the conference.

Invite your senator. If you would like to pay for your senator's meal, please include that on your registration form.

**Speak Up!**



## Need Help Finding Your Senator?

- Senator Lavon Heidemann (Elk Creek), District 1 (includes counties of Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson)
- Senator Paul Lambert (Plattsmouth), District 2 (Cass County)
- Senator Ken Haar (Malcolm), District 21
- Senator Greg Adams (York), District 24 (includes counties of York, Seward, Polk)
- Senator Kathy Campbell (Lincoln), District 25
- Senator Amanda McGill (Lincoln), District 26
- Senator Colby Coash (Lincoln), District 27
- Senator Bill Avery (Lincoln), District 28
- Senator Tony Fulton (Lincoln), District 29
- Senator Norm Wallman (Cortland), District 30 (includes Gage County, and part of Lancaster)
- Senator Russ Karpisek (Wilber), District 32 (includes counties of Fillmore, Saline, Jefferson, Thayer and segment of Lancaster)
- Senator Annette Dubas (Fullerton), District 34 (includes counties of Nance, Merrick, Hamilton and segment of Hall)
- Senator Danielle Conrad (Lincoln), District 46

# Big Talk From Small Libraries

**February 28, 2012**

**8:45 – 5:00**

This free online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries; the smaller the better. Each speaker is from a small library or directly works with small libraries.

Topics range from technology (new tech and old tech) to programming to partnering with your community. Speakers will cover eight topics—one each hour. Come for the programs on what you're dealing with now or try something new.

Everyone is welcome to register and attend, regardless of how big or small their library is, but if your library serves a few thousand people, or a few hundred, this is the day for you.

**More details, including speaker bios, session descriptions, technical information and registration can be found @ <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/>.**

## Preliminary Schedule:

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| <b>8:45</b>  | Log-In and Welcome from Michael Sauers & Laura Johnson of the NLC                                      |
| <b>9:00</b>  | Helping Your Patrons E-Read - Karen Mier, Plattsmouth Public Library (NE)                              |
| <b>10:00</b> | Community Partnerships - Karla Bieber, A.H. Brown Library & Diane Althoff, Gregory Public Library (SD) |
| <b>11:00</b> | The Fayetteville Free Library Fab Lab - Lauren Smedley, Fayetteville Free Library (NY)                 |
| <b>12:00</b> | To Be Announced  |
| <b>1:00</b>  | Training the Public - Jessamyn West, Librarian.net (VT)  |
| <b>2:00</b>  | 00pm Working in the Cloud - Jezymne Dene, Portneuf District Library (ID)                               |
| <b>3:00</b>  | Gaming and Game Collection Development - Diane Trinkle, Nortonville Public Library (KS)                |
| <b>4:00</b>  | To Be Announced  |



This conference was organized and is hosted by Michael Sauers and Laura Johnson of the [Nebraska Library Commission](#) and is co-sponsored by the [Association for Small & Rural Libraries](#) and [Library Renewal](#).

# News Around the System

## One Book, One School

by Mrs. Coshow, Library Media Specialist, Louisville Public Schools

On January 4, Louisville Elementary Students watched Officer Engel and K-9 dog Ela from the Ashland Police Department demonstrate how some dogs are working dogs. Ela helps the police find drugs. Officer Engel and Ela had 14 weeks of concentrated training together. Ela lives at his home and knows the difference between her home life and working on the job. She has worked for the police department for five years.

This presentation was part of the kick-off assembly for the "One Book, One School" family reading project for January. Each family received a copy of the book, "Marley, a Dog Like No Other," and will read a chapter each night. Books were provided through funding by the Louisville School Foundation and PTO. Hosting Scholastic Book Fairs also helped provide books. Students will be participating in activities in their classroom as they read about Marley. Thanks to three

teachers for writing activities for our students. Students also answer a trivia question each morning and a name is drawn to win a poster.



Officer Engel and Ela

## Deshler Has New Computer Center

From The Deshler Rustler, Submitted by Joyce Schmidt, Deshler Public Library

The Deshler Public Library was the recent recipient of grant that enabled it to receive eight new computers, two laptops, and ADA computer with its own scanner, a new color printer, WiFi router, furnishings and the electrical hook ups. The grant totaled over \$16,000. The librarian and board invited the public to the library on Saturday morning (January 14th) to take a look at the new additions.

Richard Miller, a representative from the Nebraska Library Commission, was on hand to talk about how the grant came about and to meet with local Deshler folks who would be using the new equipment. Mr. Miller enjoyed learning about the local library and some of the plans for improvements. He applauded the efforts of those who

worked to make the grant a reality for the Deshler Library and commented that it was important to think of the library as a very important 'Anchor' in the community.



Librarian Joyce Schmidt demonstrates he ADA computer to Mary Miller and her grandson, Treagan Seieber.



# News Around the System

## Seward Memorial Library Has a Remedy for the Winter Blahs

From Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

Seward area residents can now escape from the hold of winter by traveling to faraway places. In the comfort of the library meeting room they visit other continents escorted by a personal tour guide. Seward Memorial Library is hosting a series of monthly travelogues Sunday afternoons which began in January. Each one-hour program is led by a local resident who has visited a place of interest. The January program, "Visit the Driest Place on Earth," was a well-attended travelogue on the Atacama Desert. In February the public is invited to "An Afternoon in Paris" and in March guests will "Join Juanita in Ireland." Each presentation includes a time for questions and



dialogue. Of course each program offers refreshments as well as book suggestions to nourish the travelers on their journey.

## Resolutions Worth Keeping at Pawnee City Public Library



As part of their library news column for the Pawnee Republican, the Pawnee City Public Library made some New Year's resolutions:

- I will read to

showcase each one of the resolutions. The first one ("I will read to my child everyday") featured lots of colorful children's picture books, the second resolution was surrounded by comedy DVDs and humor books, the third had cookbooks, the fourth had a variety of books on government and political commentary. Resolution number 5 was prominently placed near their tax forms. The last poster was put on a table piled with a virtual riot of new books — everything from thrillers to classic mysteries and historical fiction.

my child every day!

- I will laugh more!
  - I will save money by cooking at home!
  - I will stay informed!
  - I will do my taxes early!
  - I will read for fun!

They created posters and locations to

The resolutions in the Pawnee Republican article featured fun suggestions like having a family movie night, cooking with your kids, using the library computers to download important tax forms (ok, that's not so fun), and reading books; whether in print, large print, audio, or ebooks. The article also mentions the money saving possibilities at the library.



# News and Notes



## ALA Offers “The Small but Powerful Guide to Winning Big Support for Your Rural Library”

ALA’s office for Literacy and Outreach Services is offering a revised edition of *The Small But Powerful Guide to Winning Big Support for Your Rural Library* as either a print or digital copy. It features marketing and promotion tips, strategies for promoting library services, and tips for using technology in advocacy efforts. To find out more go to: <http://ala.org/offices/olos/toolkits/rural>

## Third Cycle 2011 Planning Grants Announced

JANUARY 17, 2012 (LINCOLN, NEB.)—The Nebraska Department of Economic Development will award a third cycle of 2011 Community Development Block Grant planning grants. Applications are being accepted now and the process will remain open until all funding is gone.

Planning grants are part of Nebraska's annual allocation of CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Up to \$30,000 is available for communities, and as much as \$50,000 is available for multi-communities, counties, or regional applicants.

Planning activities that are considered for funding include community strategic planning, such as environmental assessments, citizen participation, downtown revitalization, and fiscal management. Analyses of impediments and barriers to fair housing choices may qualify, as do neighborhood/comprehensive/strategic development plans.

Also considered are functional or special studies for housing, infrastructure, community economic development, land use/regulatory measure, main street improvement districts, downtown revitalization, energy conservation and transportation.

In addition, environmental, heritage tourism, and historic preservation studies, and pre-engineering studies for publicly-owned water/wastewater projects may qualify.

For information, including the availability of funding, contact Kevin Andersen at 800-426-6505, 402-471-3775, or [kevin.s.andersen@nebraska.gov](mailto:kevin.s.andersen@nebraska.gov).



## Forum on Criminal Justice & Mass Incarceration March 10th in Omaha

Save the date for a keynote presented by Michelle Alexander, former ACLU attorney and author of the best-selling book *The New Jim Crow*. Alexander has discussed civil rights and criminal justice on CNN, MSNBC and NPR.

Following the early afternoon keynote, you can hear from local experts on various aspects of our criminal justice system.

Sign up for updates and find more info at: [www.aclunebraska.org](http://www.aclunebraska.org)

## Did you attend ALA Midwinter?

[Cognotes](#) is looking for someone to write about the events they attend at ALA Midwinter in Dallas. Please email Deb Nerud Vernon if you are interested at [dvernon@esu6.org](mailto:dvernon@esu6.org).

## Save the Date for the Paraprofessional Spring Meeting

The 2012 Paraprofessional Spring Meeting, “Show Off @ Your Library” will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2012, from 10:00 to 1:00, central, with the Paraprofessional Section’s annual General Meeting afterward.

Participants can “attend” via internet connection at their own desks. Gather with colleagues or watch on your own. Group viewings will be held in Lincoln at the Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N St) and Papillion at the Sump Memorial Library (222 N Jefferson St, Papillion, NE 68046); other get-togethers can be arranged upon request.

Check-in/Log-in is from 9:30-10 a.m. The Paraprofessionals Spring General Meeting will begin 1:00-1:45 p.m.

There are 3 scheduled sessions with Amy Mather, Susan Franklin and the duo, Linda Trout and Cynthia Vana presenting on topics including outreach, library displays, and libraries on Facebook.

Discover new tips and learn skills to Show Off @ Your Library, network with other library staff, and earn CE credits (3 hours for the day), without leaving your office.

For more information and a registration form, see <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/Comp.old/para/2012springmeeting/2012Paraspgconfwebsite.html> Or contact Jennifer Sorensen, Spring Meeting Chair, at [sorensen0802@gmail.com](mailto:sorensen0802@gmail.com), by mail at Bellevue University Library, 1000 Galvin Rd S., Bellevue, NE 68005 or by phone (402) 557-7304.

**Registration deadline is March 27, 2012.**



## 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 8-14, 2012. 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 your library deserves this award.
- Information about activities/programs you have developed for your library.
- Two letters of recommendation from any library supporter.
- Any other information that shows your 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, 2012**

# It's the law, doggone it!

The January 13th CASTL group meeting was hosted by Donna Shearer, director of Geneva Public Library. If you've never visited the Geneva Public Library and want to see an example of a building addition to an original Carnegie library that works well – this is worth a trip. Discussion at the meeting centered around the Public Library Annual Report, outlined and required by Nebraska State Statute 51-213, which is printed below:

**Statute: 51-213**

**Library board; annual report; contents.**

*The library board shall, on or before the second Monday in February in each year, make a report to the city council or village board or to the county or township board of the condition of its trust on the last day of the prior fiscal year. The report shall show all money received and credited or expended; the number of materials held, including books, video and audio materials, software programs, and materials in other formats; the number of periodical subscriptions on record, including newspapers; the number of materials added and the number withdrawn from the collection during the year; the number of materials circulated during the year; and other statistics, information, and suggestions as the library board may deem of general interest or as the city council or village, county, or township board may require. The*

*report shall be verified by affidavit of the proper officers of the board.*

**Source:**

*Laws 1911, c. 73, § 8, p. 316; R.S.1913, § 3799; C.S.1922, § 3192; C.S.1929, § 51-208; R.S.1943, § 51-213; Laws 2004, LB 936, § 1. Effective date July 16, 2004.*

The statute is fairly specific about what needs to be included, primarily statistics from the previous fiscal year – and also that it happens on or before the second Monday in February each year.

Traditionally we've had libraries submit this report in January or February which works well, since you're already pulling statistics together for the annual public library survey. We do know that some libraries prefer to do at the end of the fiscal year, say October, as a preferred point in pulling the information together from the previous year. The point is – it's a report that needs to be provided to your city council or town board as the revenue source for the library. It provides library directors and trustees with the opportunity to demonstrate and report on the use of city/town funds and to illustrate what a positive investment the library is for the community. So, if you're not already submitting an annual report to your city – it's time to start.

One of the hesitations I hear from communities in providing this report is that they don't feel their city council or village board is really interested in receiving it. My take is, whether or not it's received with enthusiasm, it is still an opportunity to be recognized as a vital part of city services, and a demonstration of the competence of board and staff in administration of library services and activities in adherence to state law. We also have library directors that use creativity in designing annual reports that encourage notice and attention by local official with the addition of pictures and stories. Lisa Olivigni shared examples of a variety of annual reports used for the Crete Public Library that included an annual report as the packaging on a large candy bar – titled Sweet Success, or this year's report titled Tracking Your

CASTL Wrap Up



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 9th—Auburn Memorial Library
- March 23rd—Crete Public Library
- **April 26th—James Arthur Vineyard - Raymond**
- June 1st—Seward Memorial Library

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# ALA Award Winning Books for Youth

American Library Association announced the top books, video and audiobooks for children and young adults at its Midwinter Meeting in Dallas during January 2012:

**Newbery Medal** for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature: *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos. The two Newbery Honor books were: *Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai, and *Breaking Stalin's Nose* by Eugene Yelchin.

**Caldecott Medal** for the most distinguished American picture book for children: *A Ball for Daisy* by Chris Raschka. Three Caldecott Honor books also were named: *Blackout* by John Rocco, *Grandpa Green* by Lane Smith, and *Me ... Jane* by Patrick McDonnell.

**Michael L. Printz Award** for excellence in literature written for young adults: *Where Things Come Back* by John Corey Whaley. Four Printz Honor Books also were named: *Why We Broke Up* by Daniel Handler, *The Returning* by Christine Hinwood, *Jasper Jones* by Craig Silvey, and *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater.

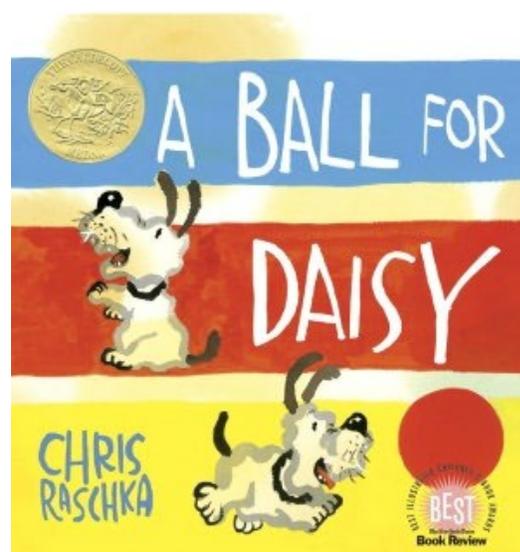
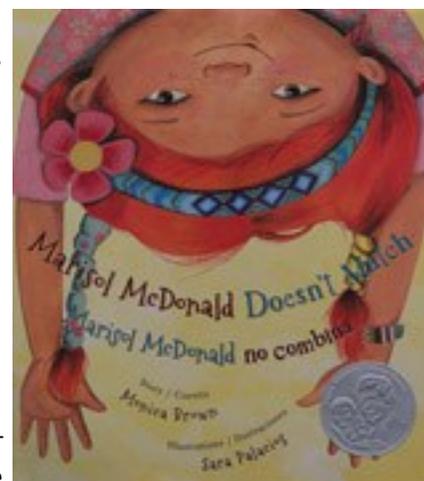
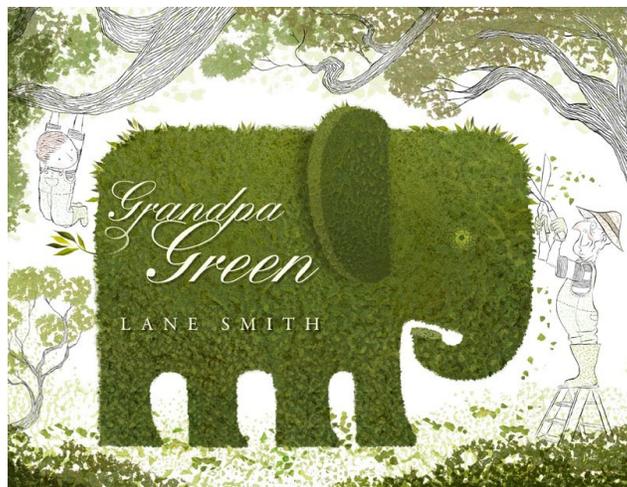
**Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award** recognizing an African American author: *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* by Kadir Nelson. Two King Author Honor books also were named: *The Great Migration: Journey to the North* by Eloise Greenfield, and *Never Forgotten* by Patricia C. McKissack.

**Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award** recognizing an African American illustrator: *Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom* illustrated by Shane W. Evans. One King Illustrator Honor book was selected: *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* illustrated by Kadir Nelson.

**Pura Belpre (Illustrator) Award** honoring a Latino illustrator: *Diego Rivera: His World and Ours* illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. Two Belpre Illustrator Honor books were selected: *The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred* illustrated by Rafael Lopez, and *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match* illustrated by Sara Palacios.

**Pura Belpre (Author) Award** honoring a Latino author: *Under the Mesquite* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall. Two Belpre Author Honor Books were named: *Hurricane Dancers: The First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck* by Margarita Engle and *Maximilian and the Mystery of the Guardian Angel: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller* by Xavier Garza.

Other awards announced included the **Alex Awards for the 10 best adult books that appeal to teen audiences**: *Big Girl Small* by Rachel DeWoskin, *In Zanesville* by Jo Ann Beard, *The Lover's Dictionary* by David Levithan, *The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens* by Brooke Hauser, *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline, *Robocalypse: A Novel* by Daniel H. Wilson, *Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward, *The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt: A Novel In Pictures* by Caroline Preston, and *The Talk-Funny Girl* by Roland Merullo. Additional information and other award winners can be found in the press release: <http://www.ala.org/news/pr?id=9108> or at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/index.cfm>.



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—Jason Scott, Archive Team

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