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Southeast Library System

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SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

We had the opportunity to participate in the Nebraska Library Association Legislative Day on February 25th in Lincoln. As usual it was a great opportunity to meet and greet Nebraska senators, plus a chance to get informed on the issues affecting libraries in the 2011 session of the



Nebraska Unicameral. Ken Winston, the NLA Lobbyist, did a great job highlighting legislation of interest to the library community –the Nebraska Library Commission budget high on the list.

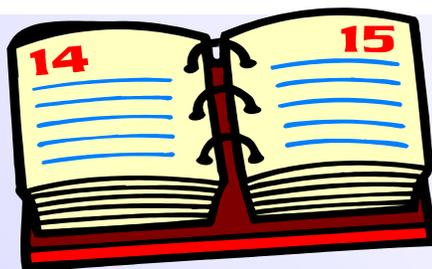
The NLC budget hearing was held on February 22nd. The preliminary recommendation is for a 10% reduction in their funding, on top of a 9.5% reduction from the previous fiscal year. The Commission provides many essential services for libraries across the state. Funding cuts will impact their ability to provide these services and would require them to eliminate some current staff positions. I'm guessing that all librarians in the state can identify an NLC Commission service that is valuable to them, whether it's state aid to public libraries, grants, interlibrary loan reimbursement, Nebraska Regional Library System services, reference and information, continuing education, professional library materials... you fill in the space. Robin Clark, NLA Legislative Chair, encouraged librarians, library friends and supporters, library boards and foundations to contact members of the Appropriations Committee and let them know how important continued library services are to their community. We would echo that sentiment.

LB 383, which eliminates state aid to most political subdivisions, was already on final reading at NLA Legislative Day. It was approved by the Governor on March 10th. Reduction in funds to cities and counties are likely to have an impact on library budgets – as well as other municipal departments. LB 470 requiring public library personnel policies to be approved by the governing bodies of cities, counties and villages within

Happy Spring!



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CALENDAR

March 2011

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. See page 10-11 for more information or go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/2011springmeeting/2011Paraspgconfwebsite.html.

March 29th – NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Libraries) Meeting at the Youth Rehab & Treatment Center in Geneva from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CE Topics – Pro Se Litigants & Librarians, Discount Shopping with NLC, and How to Lead a Book Discussion Group.

March 30th – PLA Spring Symposium from 10 to 5 at Beatrice Public Library. See page 3 for registration and information.

April – School Library Month - <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslissues/slm/schoollibrary.cfm>

April 1st – ACLU Annual Meeting with Susan N. Herman – Journeys of Justice, at the Grand Manse in Lincoln. There's a 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner and \$45 registration. To reserve a seat go to: www.aclunebraska.org.

April 2nd – Young Adult Round Table (YART) Spring Meeting at LaVista Public Library. See page 17 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://tandtevents.com/>.

April 10th – 16th Celebrate National Library Week - <http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek/index.cfm>

April 14th – CASTL Meeting at Exeter Public Library – starting at 10 a.m. We'll share information on ordering materials online via vendors like Amazon and Ingram. We also encourage you to choose a title from the RUSA Reading List (www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/readinglist/index.cfm) from the Women's Fiction genre. You can read the winner – *Solomon's Oak* by Jo-Ann Mapson, or one from the short list: *The Girl Who Chased the Moon* by Sarah Addison Allen, *The Language of Sand* by Ellen Block, *The Love Goddess' Cooking School* by Melissa Senate or *Vintage Affair* by Isabel Wolff. Or if you're still not tempted, try one of the Read-Alikes: *Shelter Me* by Juliette Fay, *The Second Coming of Lucy Hatch* by Marsha Moyer or *The Blessings of the Animals* by Katrina Kittle. 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.

April 21st – NLA PLTS Spring Meeting in Seward with guest presenter – Michael Sullivan. See pages 18-19 for details.

March 20th – An evening with Ted Kooser at Seward Memorial Library, 6:30 p.m. See page 9.

April 29th – SELS Board Meeting and SELS Friends Aged to Perfection at James Arthur Vineyards. See page 5.

May 19th – SELS Training Extravaganza at Beatrice High School, see pages 14-15.

May 19th – ELS/SELS Spring Colloquium with Dr. J. Rufus Fears. See page 7.

May 20th – C&U/ITART Spring Meeting – The Next Step: Creating the Library of the Future at Union College. Includes a presentation by ACRL President, Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe – Engagement, Experimentation & Entrepreneurship, and Amy Mather from Omaha Public Library on Reengaging the Lost Patron. For more information go to: www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/.

May 21st – Nebraska Book Festival

SOUTHEAST LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS...

PLA *virtual spring symposium* @ Beatrice Public Library

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

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| 10:00–10:15 | Introduction by Audra Caplan, PLA President | |
| 10:15–11:15 | A Mobile Feast: Reaching Library Customers via Mobile Technology | When School Is Out, The Library Is In |
| 11:30–12:30 | Can Your Library Provide the Electronic Content That People Want and Need? | Connecting With Teens @ Your Library |
| 12:30–1:30 | Lunchtime Author Interview with Diane Ackerman | |
| 1:30–2:30 | The Post Recession Library | I Didn't Know You Could Do That at the Library! |
| 2:45–3:45 | Minnesota Library Futures Initiative | Transforming Life After 50 |
| 4:00–5:00 | The Sustainable Library | |

Name _____

Library _____

Phone _____

Email _____

The Symposium is \$50 per attendee. Payment can be made after the event. Bring your own lunch or contribution for Valentino's delivery. For more info go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plaevents/plaspringsymposium/index.cfm>

Send Registration by **March 28th** to:
Southeast Library System
5730 R St., Suite C-1
Lincoln, NE 68505
Fax: (402)467-6196



AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

Upcoming Events:

- June 11 and November 25:
Book fairs at the South Pointe Barnes and Noble store on Please mark your calendars now and plan to spend a lot of money those days!
- July 16, 9:00 a.m.:
A private movie showing of the final Harry Potter movie. Join the crowd that day as we bid fond farewell to a legendary series.

The Southeast Library System Friends are pleased to announce that four SELS members received scholarships recently. They are John Davis and Brenda Cunningham from Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City, Wanda Marget from Fairmont Public Library, and Kirsten Davis from Plattsmouth Public Library. Congratulations to all!

This year's **Aged to Perfection** event at James Arthur Vineyard is scheduled for Friday, April 29. Look for the registration form on page 5, or online at <http://selsfriends.org/aged11.pdf> and send it in today. Please consider promoting this event for us by posting this flyer and sharing this information with those who you think may enjoy the outing. We also are happy to accept donations for the mini-auction that follows the program itself – contact us at info@selsfriends.org and we will work something out. We are hoping for both individual items and theme baskets – and already have a handmade tabletop wooden wine rack and bakery and gardening theme baskets donated!

The SELS Friends cookbook is at the printers! Thanks to everyone who took the time to submit recipes for this venture.

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.

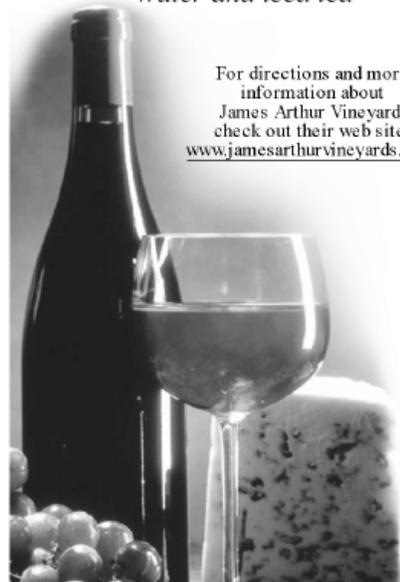


Your \$20 registration fee includes dinner and the appraisal of two antiques if you are a current SELS Friends member. If you are not currently a member, the fee includes dinner and one antique appraisal. Wine tasting and purchasing either by the glass or the bottle is an option during the event. Other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

News Around the System

Summer Reading Program Review

By Wanda Marget, SELS Friends Scholarship winner

If you have a Summer Reading Program at your library and are only able to attend a couple workshops during the year, the Summer Reading Workshop is the one to attend! For a minimal charge which includes your lunch, you get book reviews, crafts, the use of many die cuts, and this year a book talk from a Nebraska Author. We even receive a bag of free books for our library courtesy of the Nebraska Library Commission.

This year we started the day with Librarians from the whole system sharing craft, and story ideas, with handouts and the many book idea's for this years theme. We were honored to hear author John Kalkowski read a portion of his book "Red Cell" and tell us about his experience writing it.

After our lunch, Glenda Willnerd from

Lincoln Public School had a display of books, die cuts, and many cultural artifacts. She talked and showed many book ideas for the present Summer Reading Theme: "One World Many Stories". We also received the MOSAIC 2010 Bibliography, which covers many great book ideas, "The World at Your Fingertips" which was compiled by the Library Media Services Multicultural Committee. Sally Snyder had a display of books and presented her book talks also. She had a display of the books on her list at the workshop for us to browse. The day's activities ended with Teen Librarians, Susan Steider from Eisley and Sarah Dale from Gere Library. They gave many ideas on teen activities, web pages, facebook, and flip cameras.

I came home with many ideas and now can say my summer reading is almost planned.

Plattsmouth Hosts Everything Chocolate Evening



The evening's winning entry—Chocolate Mice



One of many delicious entries—Bailey's White Chocolate Cheesecake



A packed house!



SPRING COLLOQUIUM

Presented by Eastern & Southeast Library Systems

The Price of Change: Are We at Risk of Losing our Heritage?

May 19th
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel
Lincoln, Nebraska

Yankee Hill Rooms 1 & 2

- 5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour with cash bar
- 6:30 - 7:30 Dinner with your choice of:

Windsor Pork Loin—with cherry rhubarb sauce
Stuffed Orange Roughy— with Brown Bay sauce
Champagne Pasta—with vegetables tossed in light champagne sauce

- 7:30 - 8:30 Presentation by Dr. Fears
- 8:30 - 9:30 Time for questions and discussion



Dr. J. Rufus Fears, the David Ross Boyd Professor of Classics at the University of Oklahoma, is an acclaimed teacher and scholar with 25 awards for teaching excellence. University of Oklahoma students have named him Professor of the Year three times. He regularly appears on national television and radio programs and has written several books. For more information, go to drfears.com

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Organization: _____

Send registration and \$40 by **May 13th** to:

Southeast Library System
 5730 R. St, Ste. C-1
 Lincoln, NE 68505
 Fax: (402)467-6196

Select:

- ◇ Windsor Pork Loin
- ◇ Stuffed Orange Roughy
- ◇ Champagne Pasta

This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission. Partial funding also provided by the Nebraska Library Association and Bellevue University.

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their respective communities was heard by the General Affairs Committee on February 28th. And, LB 582 – The Student Expression Act – had its hearing before the Education Committee on March 8th. All of these issues were outlined at NLA Legislative Day and monitored by the NLA Legislative Committee and Lobbyist.

We congratulate the Library Volunteers recognized by their senators during the NLA Legislative Day luncheon which included:

- May Jo Hopfensperger – Bellevue Public Library
- Lyle Hokanson – Broken Bow Public Library
- Michaela VanOeveren – Gretna Public Library
- Terry Hostetler – Maxey Elementary School, Lincoln Public Schools
- Megan Zheng – Saddlebrook Branch, Omaha Public Library
- Lorene Dulkoski – Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

At the briefing, we had the opportunity to hear Paul Hammel, Omaha World Herald Lincoln Bureau Chief, who started his talk by acknowledging that newspapers and libraries are both businesses in the midst of change. He talked a bit about the story he did on Karla Shafer, former library director at Hooper, Nebraska. He emphasized the importance of making connections with reporters to get your story told and said one of his favorite things to tell people is: “When you are around a reporter, speak freely.” He also provided us with a book recommendation - *The Death of Raymond Yellow Thunder* by Stew Magnuson.

Following the luncheon attendees were invited back to the State Capitol to take part in a tour of the State Library and the Capitol. If you’ve never had the opportunity to do that put it on your to do list. It’s fascinating and educational. Bottom line –make Legislative Day an annual event on your calendar. It’s important for library supporters to be aware of the issues and to be active in voicing opinions regarding those issues to our elected officials.



Technical Services Round Table Accepting Registrations for Spring Workshop



The NLA Technical Services Round Table presents a one-day workshop on the proposed cataloging rules, Resource Description and Access (RDA) with UNL Librarian, Margaret Mering. Come learn about RDA and try out the RDA Toolkit. Space is limited to 40 participants.

Register online at: <https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=nlia&formId=97477>



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.

- 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

An evening with Ted Kooser

Author of
Local Wonders,
the 2011 One Book
One Nebraska selection



Sunday, March 20
6:30 p.m.
Seward Memorial Library

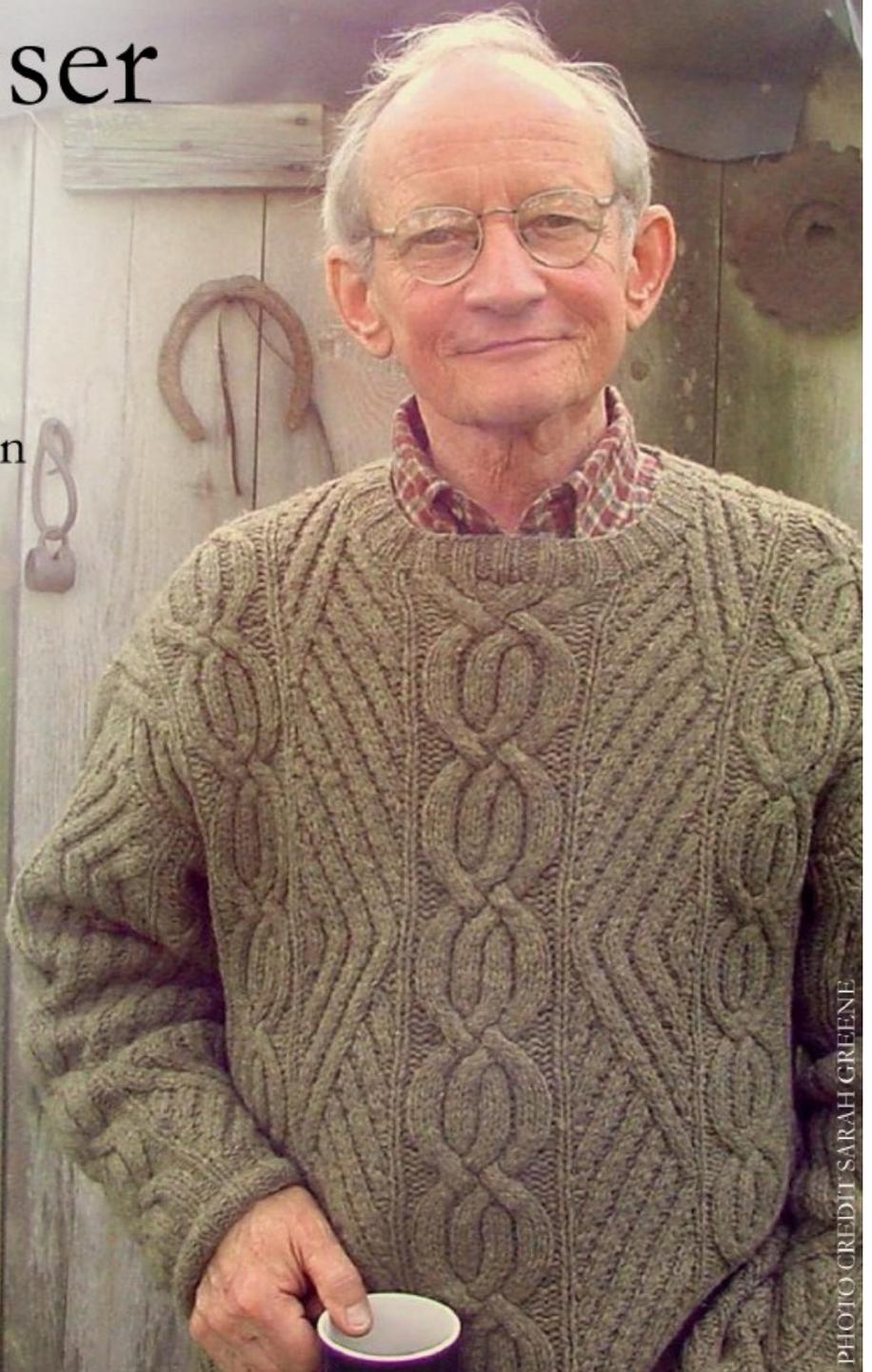
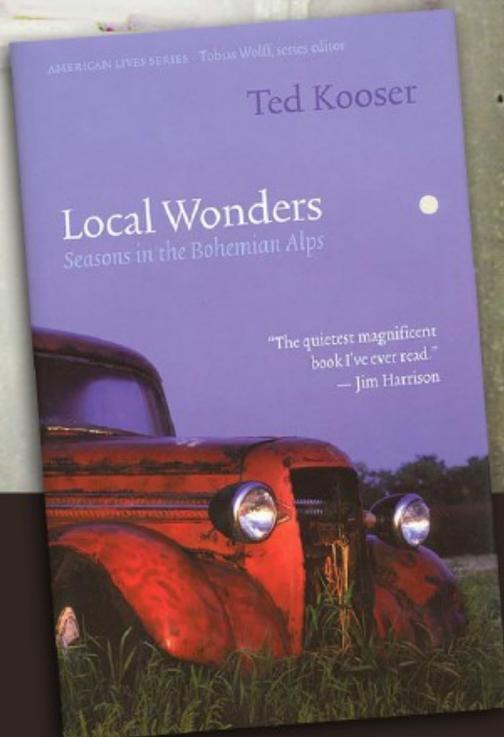


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Book sales and signing will be held after the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

News and Notes



Heritage Nebraska Seeking Hidden Treasures, Fading Places Nominations



Heritage Nebraska, a statewide not-for-profit citizens preservation organization, is seeking nominees for its 2011 List of Hidden Treasures and Fading Places.

"We have selected 20 Fading Places and 22 Hidden Treasures during the first two years of this project," said Heritage Nebraska Executive Director J.L. Schmidt. "The Hidden Treasures are those places that may not yet be on the radar, but they are places worth seeing and most of them provide activities worth experiencing," Schmidt said. "The Fading Places represent icons of our history that are threatened with extinction through demolition or neglect often brought on by lack of money and vision."

The nomination forms are available on the organization website at <http://www.heritagenebraska.org/about-us/documents> or can be obtained by calling the office at 402-323-7338 or e-mailing jlschmidt@USA.net.

Since the first list was released in May 2009, the Fading Places have ranged from Camp Lookout in Sidney to the Industrial Arts Building on the proposed University of Nebraska-Lincoln Innovation Campus. We've also included the state's 400-mile wide Interstate 80 sculpture garden, rural churches and schools and grain elevators and the Oregon Trail and archaeological sites statewide, Schmidt said. Preservation work has been started on at least seven of the 20 Fading Places projects to date.

The Hidden Treasures have ranged from the Chadron Hotel/Old Main Street Inn in Chadron to the Lester F. Larsen Tractor Test and Power Museum on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus and places in-between. Downtown Fremont, Downtown Scribner and Downtown Sidney have also joined the list of places worth visiting and spending time, Schmidt said.

"Nominations are due in our office on or before **May 1**," Schmidt said. The winners will be announced at the next joint state conference of Heritage Nebraska Preservation and Heritage Nebraska Main Street in June. Heritage Nebraska is a statewide not-for-profit citizen's organization that advocates and promotes heritage in order to build stronger communities and maintain the essential character of Nebraska. The organization is affiliated with the Statewide and Local Partners of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Trust Main Street Center.

Grant Opportunity From Better World Books

Better World Books is inviting libraries to apply for between \$5,000 and \$25,000 to fund projects that address the literacy needs of underserved populations in your communities. A total of \$75,000 is available.



The grant process is modeled after the State Library's Pitch an Idea program and applications, in the form of a project overview, are due **March 25**. Projects must be implemented between May 16 and December 31, 2011.

Full information is available at the Better World Books website: <http://www.betterworldbooks.com/custom.aspx?f=leap-libraries>

Nebraska Humanities Council Seeks a Home for William Wordsworth Exhibit

The Nebraska Humanities Council seeks an organization to house an exhibit from the Humanities Resource Center collection. There will be **no cost** to the organization that acquires the exhibit, but the NHC does ask that it continue to be available through loan to the public. If the exhibit is loaned to another organization, the exhibit's host may be

asked to ship the exhibit with shipping costs paid by the borrower. They are seeking a home for the "William Wordsworth and the Age of English Romanticism" exhibit.

It consists of six free-standing cardboard kiosks. Two boxes measuring 4x25x48 inches and weighing 26 pounds each and comes with a teacher's guide. Through 24 full-color poster panels, this exhibit illuminates the life and work of the poet, his contemporaries in literature and art, and the extraordinary age in which they lived (1770-1850), juxtaposing reproductions of famous Romantic texts and manuscripts with visual art and images of the social and political history of the time.

If you have questions or wish to provide a permanent home for this exhibit, please contact Mary Yager, director of the Humanities Resource Center, at (402) 474-2131 ext. 103 or mary@nebraskahumanities.org.

Paraprofessional Section and Special & Institutional Section Spring Meeting

Learn new tricks and earn Continuing Education credits enjoyably at this year's jointly sponsored Paraprofessional and S&I Spring Meeting, to be held at the Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln on **Thursday, March 24, 2011**, from 9:55 am to 1 pm, followed by the Paraprofessional Section's annual General Meeting.

This year we are again using an online live webinar format designed to allow participants to "attend" the meeting conveniently from their own desks; all you need is an internet connection! Get together with colleagues or watch on your own. Group viewings will be held in Lincoln at the Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N St.), in Omaha at the Eastern Library System offices (11929 Elm Street, Suite 18, just off 120th and West Center Road), and in Norfolk at Northeast Community College (801 E. Benjamin St.); other get-togethers can be arranged upon request.

Our theme this year is *Collaboration Across Libraries*. (...continued on page 11)

On the program:

- **Check-in/Log-in:** 9:30–9:55 a.m.
- **Welcome from Para Chair, Marguerite Miller, and S&I Chair, Carolyn Dow:** 9:55–10:05 a.m.

- **Session I: "Let's Work Together"** 10:05–10:55 a.m.

Presented by Devra Dragos, Nebraska Library Commission

One library can only do so much but what can two, three, or hundreds accomplish together? Devra Dragos will talk about the many opportunities the Nebraska Library Commission provides for libraries to share resources, programming, and ideas.

- **Session II: "The Law Firm Librarian"** 11:00–11:50 a.m.

Presented by **Maureen O'Riordan, Koley Jessen Attorneys; and Mary Stultz, Baird Holm LLP**
An overview of a law firm library, including the staff, the work, the resources, and the need to play well with others.

- **Session III: "The Doublemint of Libraries"** 12:00–12:50 p.m.

Presented by Nancy Chmiel, Omaha Public Library

Omaha Public Library – Saddlebrook Branch is both a public and a school library. This collaboration gives library users in the neighborhood 2 – 2 – 2 libraries in one. Our building also houses a Community Center – the first triple threat in the country. Learn about how these entities work together, program together, and create exciting cooperative ventures to serve the public and the school. We'll also be talking about ways to "get your foot in the door" at your local schools.

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

Marguerite Miller, Paraprofessional Chair, will guide us through our annual spring meeting. Those who have paid for lunch at the Omaha or Lincoln site will have lunch at this time. If you prefer, you may bring your own lunch.

Enjoy this opportunity to learn new things, network with other library people, and earn CE credits (3 hours for the day), without driving miles! Scholarships

are available.

For more information and a registration form, see <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/2011springmeeting/2011Paraspgcofwwebsite.html>

eBooks through Nebraska OverDrive Libraries a Hit

Downloadable eBooks have been available through the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries collection for just over six months. The collection started with 168 titles. Demand for eBooks was high from the beginning.

Mary Jo Mack and Karen Drevo have done a great job of adding new titles and extra copies of popular titles; as of January 24th, the eBook collection consists of 968 titles and a total of 989 copies. All the popular fiction genres, a number of nonfiction subjects, and juvenile titles are represented. At least four or five purchase orders have been submitted each month. An extra large purchase on Christmas Eve helped meet demand from people who received eBook readers as presents.

Demand remains high and a fair number of eBook titles have waiting lists. The same thing occurred when the group initially started with audiobooks; however, that collection has grown to the point where there are a large number of available titles from which people can choose. The collection budget is divided between audiobooks and eBooks, and must last through September. We try to spread this budget out somewhat evenly over the 12-month period so that we are constantly buying new content; we don't want to spend all our money in the first four months of the year, and then not be able to add new content in the subsequent 8 months.

If staff or patrons from participating libraries have requests for specific titles, please pass them along for consideration to Mary Jo (adult fiction), wplibrary@cableone.net; Karen (juvenile, YA, and adult non-fiction), kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us; or Susan Knisely (all topics),



susan.knisely@nebraska.gov. Just remember not every print title will be available in audio or eBook format through OverDrive.

If your library is interested in joining the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries group, please go to <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/pricing/overdrive.html> for more information.

Nebraska Library Commission Seeks Hosts for Neal Shusterman

Neal Shusterman will be visiting Nebraska the week of September 12th. This is in conjunction with the 2010-2011 One Book for Nebraska Teens, *Unwind*.

Sally Snyder, Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services at the Nebraska Library Commission, will be taking school and public library names for all interested in hosting a visit with him. The names will be drawn out of a hat to determine who will host. He has agreed to morning and afternoon presentations at different locations.

Right now a northern route through the state is planned, starting in Scottsbluff and heading east up Highway 2 or 20 (or some of both) toward Omaha, but this is not set in stone. If there are only a few schools and public libraries interested in a visit the route may change.

Requirements are:

- A group of high school age students or patrons who have already read *Unwind* or younger students that have read another book by him such as *The Schwa Was Here*.
- An agreement to hold a follow-up activity within two weeks (or so) after his visit to your school or library.
- An agreement to help collect information for the evaluation of the project (such as number of attendees, reaction of participants, etc).

If you would like your library's name in the hat, please send an email to sally.snyder@nebraska.gov by **April 20, 2011**.

Pioneer Consortium Announces Approval of Additional Libraries for Membership

The Pioneer Consortium, Nebraska's brand new open source, low-cost, robust yet easy-to-use local ILS (integrated library system) and statewide union catalog, has received and approved 19 applications for membership from a variety of public libraries widely spread across this state's landscape and serving communities ranging in size from 300 to over 30,000.

Approval for membership by its original Pioneer member libraries – Grand Island, Holdrege, Lincoln and Saint Paul – now gives each library the opportunity to work toward local governmental approval of the Pioneer Joint Entity Agreement. Upon this approval and payment of the \$250 orientation fee, each library becomes a member of the consortium with voting rights and starts working on a schedule for migration of records from their current system to the Pioneer union catalog.

Major funding for an open source feasibility study and original Pioneer member libraries' subsequent agreement with PTFS/Liblime for centralized set-up, hosting and migration costs came from a Library Improvement grant through the Nebraska Library Commission. Now an additional ten public libraries are also benefiting from Library Improvement Grant funding to aid them in migrating their records to this new system and supporting other first year consortium costs. The Pioneer Consortium is grateful for the continued support of the

Nebraska Library Commission including its financial support of every library that has sought grant funding at this time to join Pioneer. Other approved libraries may be determining their funding needs in future grant cycles.

Public libraries in the following communities have been approved for membership (those receiving Library Improvement Grant support are starred.):

Atkinson*, David City*,
Kearney, Stromsburg*,
Beatrice **, Gothenburg,
Lexington, Superior*,
Bennington*, Grant*,
Papillion*, Sutton, Blue Hill,
Hastings, Red Cloud,
Valparaiso*, Cozad,
Hildreth, South Sioux City*

Beatrice Public Library had applied for a Library Improvement grant during the current grant cycle; however, the Pioneer Consortium has approved this library for membership under its own Library Improvement grant since five libraries were to initially migrate as part of the agreement with PTFS/Liblime and only four libraries decided to proceed. Beatrice has agreed to supply the consortium with their local match funding just as if they had received their own grant. And while it is not possible for Beatrice to be part of the original migration, PTFS/Liblime has agreed to migrate their holdings as soon as possible without additional cost. In this manner, Pioneer is making the best possible use of all grant funds for the benefit of statewide library development.

In time and with continued support of the Nebraska Library

Commission, the Pioneer Consortium will naturally increase in membership among public libraries as well as other types of libraries including schools, colleges, and special and institutional libraries.

With a fully developed network of libraries' collections added to this statewide union catalog, Nebraska will have new opportunities for resource sharing services such as more affordable interlibrary loan and cataloging support. This is in keeping with the Commission's long range goals pertaining to improved ability to provide effective reference, interlibrary loan and government information services as well as increased knowledge of options for and benefits of statewide integrated library systems.

Along with its appreciation to the Nebraska Library Commission for its grant support, the Pioneer Consortium wishes to thank the Commission for its long range vision, statewide library development guidance and technical expertise that have paved the way toward future improvements and greater affordability in local library operations and statewide resource sharing through Pioneer.

For more information contact Steve Fosselman, President of the Pioneer Consortium at:

Grand Island Public Library
211 North Washington St.

Grand Island, NE, 68801

Email: sf@gi.lib.ne.us

Phone: 308-385-5333

Call for Board Nominations



The Southeast Library System is seeking nominations of people representing member libraries to serve on the System Board of Directors. Four board members will

be elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2011. Nominees may be librarians, trustees, or library users.

Please nominate yourself or someone else you think would be a valuable addition to the board.

Who Can Be On the Board, and What is Involved in Board Membership?

Nominations are received from 15 counties in the Southeast Library System geographic area: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Saline, Nemaha, Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee, and Richardson. Board members should be representative of a) public libraries, b) school libraries and media centers, c) academic libraries, d) special and institutional libraries, or e) users and trustees of such libraries.

The Board governs the Southeast Library System. It is similar to a public library board of trustees or the board of any non-profit organization. Member responsibilities include approval of policies, plans and budget, and selection and evaluation of the System Administrator.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for two consecutive terms. The Board usually meets six times a year, at times and places chosen by the members. Members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. Board members must have access to e-mail.

Who Currently Serves on the Board?

President: Barbara Hegr, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City

Vice-President: Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln Public Schools

Secretary/Treasurer: Ruth Carlock, Levitt Library, York College

Becky Baker, Seward Memorial Library

Barbara Cornelius, Cochrane-Woods Library, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Scott Childers, UNL-Love Library

Wanda Marget, Fairmont Public Library

Carol Oltman, Beatrice High School

Carolyn Bennett, Beatrice Public Library

Kent Munster, The Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln

Adam Prochaska, Harding & Shultz Law Firm, Lincoln

Robin Sugden, Freeman Public Schools, Adams

Tom Schmitz, Lincoln Regional Center Library

Mail or email your nomination by May 2, 2011 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505
 jlbarnason@windstream.net

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Circle one: Librarian Trustee Library User

What special characteristics qualify this person for Board membership?

I have contacted this person and s/he has agreed to accept nomination to the Board (*circle one*): Yes No

Nomination submitted by: _____

SELS Training Extravaganza

May 19th at Beatrice High School

	Track 1	Track 2	Lab:
9:30 -10:30	Library Board Relationships	Exploring eBooks Panel Discussion	QR Codes with Scott Childers
10:45 - 11:45	Homestead Monument	Authors & Illustrators Visit Libraries Via 21st Century Technology with Glenda Willnerd	Cloud Computing with Scott Childers
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch		
12:45 - 1:45	2011 ALA RUSA Reading List Reviews	<i>Local Wonders</i> Book Discussion	Google with Megan Boggs
2:00 - 3:00	Grant Writing Workshop with Barb A. Baier	Trends In Library Buildings with Kent Munster	Security and Openness Online with Aaron Alai

Mark the sessions you'd like to attend:

	1	2	Lab
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2:00-3:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Enclose \$15 registration fee for each person attending.

Registration deadline is May 16th, 2011. Lunch is not provided.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

E-Mail: _____

Make checks payable to **Southeast Library System**, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505 Fax: (402)467-6196

TRACK 1:

Library Board Relationships

A conversation on the roles of library boards, including relationships with the city/village, community, elected officials and library director. Feel free to bring your questions – if we can't answer them today, we'll get back to you ASAP following the Extravaganza. This session is appropriate for directors, staff or trustees.

2011 ALA RUSA Reading List Reviews

The Reference & User Services Association (RUSA) of ALA annually recognizes a Reading List of the best books in eight genres: adrenaline (suspense, thriller, adventure), fantasy, historical fiction, horror, mystery, romance, science fiction and women's fiction. Come listen in to this panel of readers as they book talk titles from the list of winners, short-list and read-alikes.

Homestead National Monument

A session on the Homestead National Monument of America. We'll have a representative from the National Park Service on hand to share information and answer questions. The Homestead National Monument of America commemorates one of the first documented Nebraska homesteads and stands as a tribute to the waves of land-seekers who ventured west in the late 19th century to take up the demanding life of the prairie farmer. In addition to the Park's visitor center, you'll find a historic log cabin typical of those in eastern Nebraska, the original Freeman school and trails that wind through the restored tallgrass prairie.

Grant Writing Workshop with Barb A. Baier

Barbara Baier has worked as a grant writer, program planner and fund raiser for over 20 years. She has secured grants and developed programming in a range of issue areas, including libraries, education, family support services, environment, homeland security, firefighting, law enforcement, parks, recreation, health, micro enterprise, aging services, labor, the arts, and legal services. Recent achievements include Sunken Gardens Renovation, Rose Garden Renovation, Union Plaza, AmeriCorps, and Stimulus Funding. She has also provided consulting services to nonprofits and tribal authorities throughout Nebraska.

TRACK 2:

Exploring eBooks with Megan Boggs (SML), Susan Kniseley (NLC) and Brenda Ealey and/or Jen Barnason (SELS)

What's all this talk about eBooks? Join us for information on e-book readers, such as the one you can borrow from the Southeast Library System, information on downloadable books via OverDrive, and ideas on how you can share e-readers and ebooks with your library customers.

Local Wonders Book Discussion

Local Wonders by Ted Kooser is the 2011 One Book One Nebraska selection. Come join us for a discussion about the book with your colleagues. It is suggested that you read *Local Wonders* before this session on May 19th.

Authors & Illustrators Visit Libraries Via 21st Century Technology with Glenda Willnerd

Looking for alternative ways to introduce authors to your readers? Come to this session to learn how to Skype with an author. This session will also include other resources to bring real live authors to your patrons via the internet without all the hassle of arranging for travel, lodging and meals.

Trends in Library Buildings with Kent Munster

Kent Munster is a designer and Principal with The Clark Enersen Partners architects in Lincoln and a SELS Board member. He is a member of the library design team at Clark Enersen, working on over 50 projects during the last 15 years. Kent is a strong proponent of environmentally-friendly design and has been involved in many of the firm's LEED certified projects.

LAB:

The Curious Case of QR Codes with Scott Childers

These strange square symbols are popping up all over. This session will show you how to use your smartphone to read them, what libraries are using them for, and how you can make them for your own library.

Experimenting with Google with Megan Boggs

Learn about some of the newer features Google has to offer: Realtime, Panoramio, Picnik and Voice. We'll also take a look at what's cooking in the Google Labs, the place where Google experiments live!

Head in a Fog about Cloud Computing? with Scott Childers

"In the cloud" is where many computer products seem to be heading. This session will explain what that means, show some examples, and talk about why people are getting so excited about it.

Security and Openness Online with Aaron Alai

Aaron Alai is a passionate scientist, inventor, and Engineering Mechanics Analyst at UNL where he is working to progress the field of Traumatic Brain Injury research. In this session, he'll speak about the notions of privacy and trust online and what we can do to keep our libraries and patrons secure without hampering access.

As a Public Library Board Member, Am I Allowed to Work for Pay in the Library?

This article grew out of a series of e-mails back and forth among a library board member, a public librarian, Kathy Tooker (Eastern Library System) and me. Kathy suggested I write an article about the topic since she and I (and I'm sure other regional System Administrators and other Commission staff) have had similar questions posed to them. The question above (used as the title of this article) is not a new one. We have heard it a number of times from library staff, library board members, and from city officials.

Here's the simple answer: NO!

Why not? Well, there are several good reasons:

- It's illegal, according to state statute (depending somewhat on interpretation).
- As keepers of the public trust (appointed by elected officials) library board members cannot afford to be viewed as engaging in "self-dealing" (aka, conflict of interest) that is, doing things that benefit them directly. They are there to represent the community as a whole, and their decisions must be based on that, not on what will result in some benefit, monetary or otherwise, to them or to their relatives.

It's not good business. We realize libraries are not businesses in the sense of for-profit entities, but there is a good way and a bad way of doing business in libraries, nevertheless. And engaging in library board decisions that will benefit a library board member is a bad way of doing business.

Kathy found a number of resources that address this issue, and I've added one to the list. These are reviewed below:

- Section 51-202 (1) near the end of that subsection states, "No member shall receive any pay or compensation for any services rendered as a member of the board." Now strictly speaking, this statute means that no library board member may be paid for being on the library board. It does, however, allow

library board members to be reimbursed if they, for example, attend a library-related meeting at the direction of the rest of the board. The statute doesn't strictly address what would happen if a library board member also served as a staff member. (Recent examples we've heard of include one board member who wanted to clean the library for three hours a week and be paid for it. This is not a good idea whether that board member would have been considered a library "staff" member, or a contractor.) In either case, the library board member is receiving some benefit on which she or he has made a decision to pay that benefit – that's the "self-dealing" noted above, and that's forbidden.



- A question came in about whether or not a library board member could work in the library if she or he volunteered. Strictly speaking there is probably nothing wrong with that (although it would be preferable that the community provide enough resources for adequate paid staff for the library). Number 14 of the Essential Level of the Accreditation Guidelines addresses this when it calls for paid staff during open hours: "The library employs paid staff during all scheduled hours that the library is open to the public." It's one thing for library board members to fill in occasionally for paid staff when the librarian is at training, but this should never become a regular occurrence. The library board and community need to think about liability issues when paid staff is not available during public hours.

From *The Nebraska Library Board Manual* comes the following:

"What are the legal responsibilities and liabilities of the trustees? The trustee of a public library is a public officer who holds the public trust in regard to the operation of the library. . . . The law imposes high standards. Managing funds is one of the highest legal

obligations of a board, particularly when the funds are from taxes. . . . Other duties include obeying the laws governing libraries. . . . and diligence in serving as a trustee."

- Also from the above *Manual*: "How can trustees fulfill their duties in a responsible manner? . . . Eliminate any conflicts of interest on a board. A generally accepted rule of thumb is that a trustee or his/her immediate family may not receive any tangible or intangible gain in dealing with the library. In case a relative is a potential recipient of library funds, the affected trustee should abstain from any discussion or vote."

And from the Public Library Association, *Ethics Statement for Public Library Trustees*: "Trustees must avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or financial benefits gained at the expense of library users, colleagues or the situation."

Not only should library board members avoid conflicts of interest, self-dealing, etc., but they should avoid even the "appearance" of such things. Why? Because they are public officers. Because there are always those in a community who are examining what they do very carefully, looking for such things, and just because it's good business to act ethically and openly. Otherwise you are asking for trouble.

We have all heard the statement that it is difficult, especially in smaller towns, to find people to serve on the library board (and it seems that a very small group within the community does everything and serves on every board, committee, etc.). This argument does not, however, excuse the library board from fulfilling its duties, in keeping with state law, avoiding conflicts of interest, and upholding the public trust. There is just no other way it should be carrying out its duties.

If you have any questions about this article, feel free to contact your Regional System Administrator or Richard Miller
richard.miller@nebraska.gov 800-307-2665.

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Saturday April 2nd
LaVista Public Library
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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!

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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.

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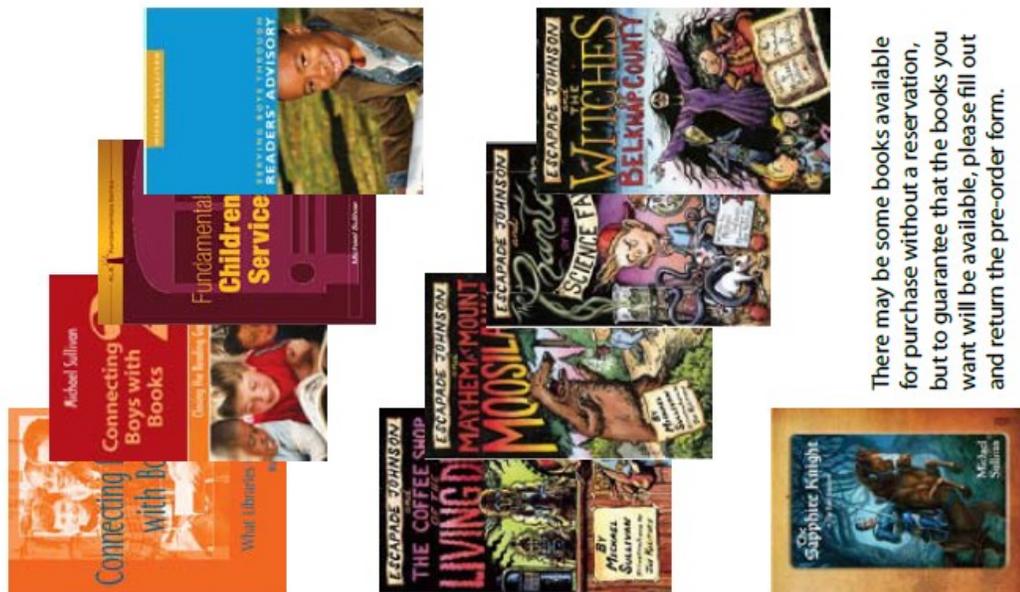
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Breaking All the Rules

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
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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
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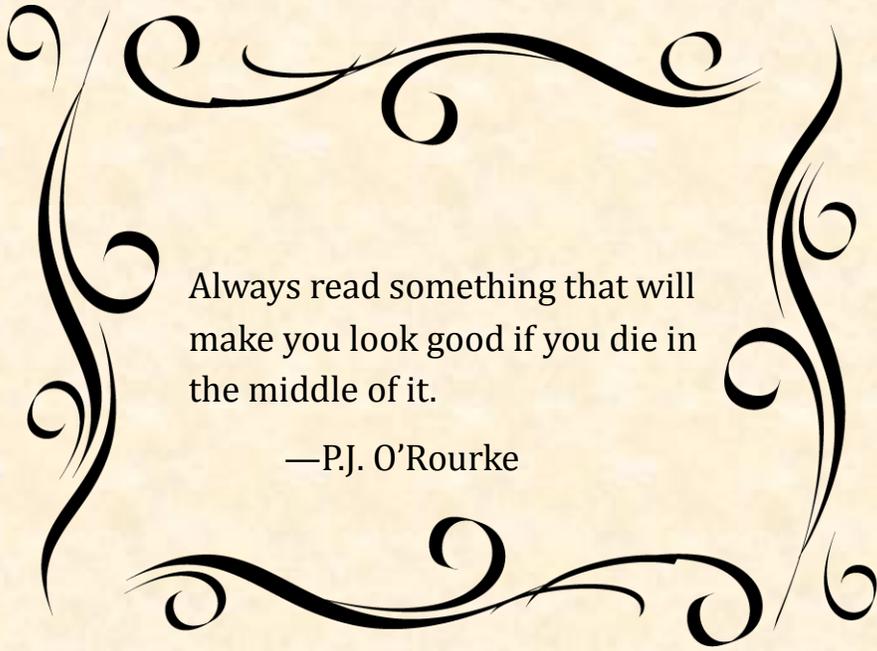
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Always read something that will
make you look good if you die in
the middle of it.

—P.J. O'Rourke

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