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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

April/ May 2005

SOWINGS

Yadda, Yadda, Yadda,
or Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah

-Brenda Ealey, SELS Adm.

In the past weeks I've been more critical than usual of the media that I've come to rely on for my news – the local paper, radio and television stations. So, I went on a quest for the information that Dr. Katie Johnson, "News Geek" and Associate Professor of Communication at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, provided librarians and library supporters at our NLA/NEMA conference. Fortunately, thanks to the bag and pile organization of my office, I quickly located her handout on alternative news resources.

Katie cautioned that this was NOT an exhaustive list, and was her attempt to include both liberal and conservative resources. She also exhorted us throughout her presentation not to accept any news resource uncritically, whether mainstream or alternative – but rather to examine and inquire, to look at the nature of things and know why we believe what we believe. Before I give you the list of resources, I can't help but share some of the thoughts Katie shared in encouraging "News Literacy:"

- ⇒ News and truth are not the same thing. News signals and sets information apart for our attention.
- ⇒ News is a mediated or framed reality.
- ⇒ Media literate persons use information from multiple sources to more closely approximate reality and then throw in their own values.
- ⇒ News agitates and titillates rather than illuminates. It's an oversimplified view.
- ⇒ Talk is cheap and cheap to produce – (which only adds fuel to fire my annoyance with talk radio and TV-Brenda).
- ⇒ *USA Today* – "the McPaper" – lack of nutritional content – Never dull, never gray, function not entirely to inform. Engaging but not full of necessary information to govern ourselves.
- ⇒ One person's freedom fighter is another person's

terrorist.

- ⇒ Don't let anyone ever tell you that news is not profitable – 23% pre-tax profit margin.
- ⇒ We're not supposed to all agree, but we are supposed to participate, requiring a free market place of information.

It's vital to educate communities on the importance of evaluating quality of news, just as librarians do for any other resources our customers utilize. We and our customers need to get into the habit of seeking out multiple data points for news, so that we're not being told what to think rather than what to think about. Finally, here, as promised, are some alternate news resources provided by Katie in October 2004:

(More) Mainstream news sources:

PBS's Bill Moyers' Now: www.pbs.org/now/
PBS's The News Hour: www.pbs.org/newshour
New York Times: www.nytimes.com
Washington Post: www.washingtonpost.com
Christian Science Monitor: www.Csmonitor.com

Journals:

The National Review: www.nationalreview.com
The Weekly Standard: www.weeklystandard.com
The Nation: www.thenation.com
The Atlantic: www.theatlantic.com
Tom Paine: A Public Interest Journal:
www.tompaine.com/

Nonprofit websites:

Annenberg Political Fact Check:
www.factcheck.org/
Countering Rhetoric with Reason:
www.spinsanity.org
Free Press: Media Reform through outreach,
activism, lobbying and networking:
www.freepress.net
The Center for Media & Democracy:
www.prwatch.org/
The Center for Public Integrity:
www.publicintegrity.org/

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Summer Reading 2005



Everyone is ready to reign — Summer Reading Participants 2005



We were crafty in the morning with Patti Sinclair . . .

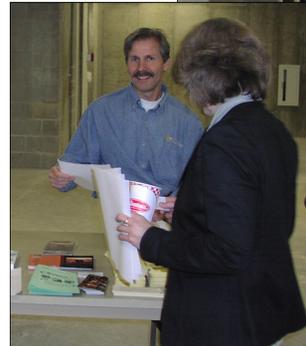
Edna Riedl breathes fire; Donna Shearer, Janet Roberts, LaRaine Cihak, and Karen Frank crown themselves; Ginger Hoyt eyeing her bookmark; and Ruth Ann Hlavac, Wanda Marget, Betty Geis, and Jan Aronson construct a castle out of marshmallows; a dragon created to help a clueless knight .





Book talked with Sally Synder . . .

Enjoyed "A Faire to Remember" with many presenters available for library events . . .



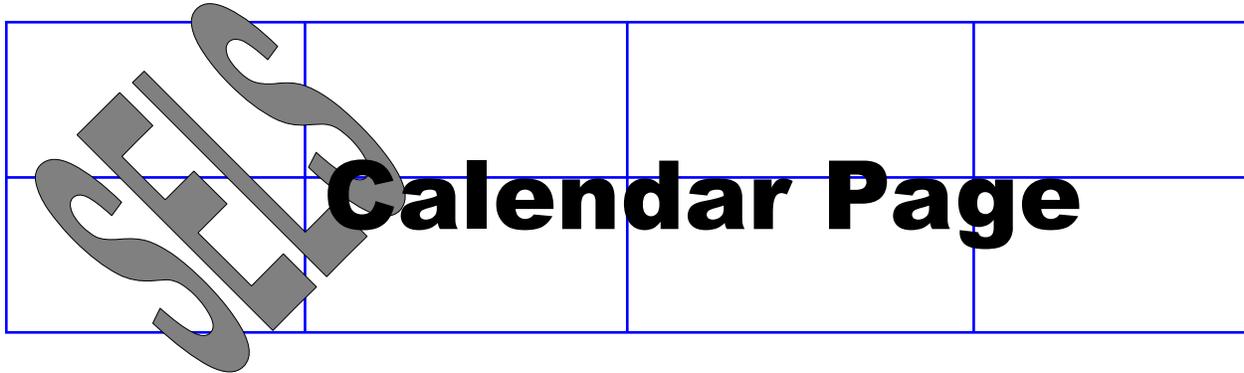
Diagonally, from center: Dave Marsh, musician; Amazing Arthur and Jeff Quinn, magicians; Dean Jacobs, world explorer; Steve Kosiski, race car driver; Michael, Edgerton Explorit Center; Michael Fitzsimmons, musician; Domesti-Pups; Urban Prairie Puppet Company.



And Brenda drummed us home.



Summer Reading 2005



April

April 10th – 16th – National Library Week: *Something for Everyone @ your library* ®. For more information go to: www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/nationallibraryweek.htm.

April 12th: Nebraska Literary Heritage Association 21st Adult Spelling Bee at PO Pears, 322 S. 9th St., Lincoln at 7 p.m. An evening of riotous entertainment featuring celebrity spellers, distinguished judges and rowdy cheering sections. John Baylor will lend his wit as emcee for the light-hearted event. Spellers will compete head-to-head to benefit the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors at Bennett Martin Public Library. Support the cause with your admission fee of \$7.50.

April 22nd, 23rd & 24th: Wine, Writers & Song Book Festival in Brownville. The preliminary program includes: Jazz & Jambalaya cruise on the evening of the 22nd. The festival will also include a Flea Market of Books, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book on Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th. You can reserve a booth for the reasonable price of \$10 – 25, depending on whether you're indoor or outdoor, and if you want it for both days. For more information on the festival or on getting a booth for the Flea Market of Books go to: www.brownville-ne.com.

April 29th: College of DuPage Teleconference: Library Hot Topics: Discussions & Interviews, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Beatrice Public Library. See the DuPage website: www.dupage.edu/COD/index.php?id=31 or contact Pam Scott for more information, 800-307-2665, psscott@nlc.state.ne.us.

April 29th: Spring Festival: Nebraska Reads My *Ántonia*. 50th Anniversary of the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation. Red Cloud Contact: Betty Kort, 402-746-2653, willacather@gpcom.net, www.willacather.org

May

May 4th: Basic Copyright Management Workshop at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln from 9:30 to 4:30. Workshop will introduce participants to issues surrounding copyright for digital materials. For more information and to register go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskamemories/copyrightworkshop.html.

May 10th, 11th, and 12th: Spring Meetings: Where's the Bucks? Fundraising Strategies for Public Libraries. Meetings in Kimball, North Platte, and York respectively, see page 14 for information.

May 13th: NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N Street, Lincoln) at 9:30. Contact: Maria Medrano-Nehls/402-471-4008/800-307-2665/mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.

May 14th: Turning the Pages of Romance Conference featuring Jo Beverley the author of over 30 historical romance novels and novellas, at Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 N. 9th Street, Lincoln. For more information contact: Rebecca, 402-441-4465, romance@mail.lcl.lib.ne.us.

★ **May 20th: SELS Training Extravaganza** at Hamilton college, see pages 11 and 12.

★ **May 26th – 29th: Mayhem in the Midlands Mystery Conference** at Sheraton Hotel, 1615 Howard Street, Omaha. For more information visit: www.omahapubliclibrary.org/mayhem/.

May 27th: NLA C&U Section/Technical Services Round Table Joint Spring Meeting at Doane College: It's A Small World After All. The world has become a smaller place. Our students and faculty come from all over the world. Information comes in print, audio, and bytes. How do we manage the vast array of resources for our very diverse audiences? Submit a proposal that will enlighten others on how you have tackled the global impact your library has faced. Sessions are scheduled for 50 minutes, and presenters should allocate 10 minutes of this time for questions and answers. For more information contact: Siobhan Champ-Blackwell, 402-280-4156/800-338-7657, siobhan@creighton.edu.

June

★ **June 7th: NEMA/SELS Training** at Norris High School in Firth, see page 13 for registration and information.

June 13th: Bricks & Boards Workshop at Concordia in Seward, see page 7 for registration and information.

★ **June 17th: SELS Annual Meeting** in Pawnee City, see page 22 for registration and information.

★ **June 23rd – 29th: 2005 ALA Annual Conference** in Chicago, see www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2005a/home.htm for more information.

July

★ **July 7th: CASTL Meeting** in Aurora – Bring your library trustees!

★ **July 21st: NEBASE Annual Meeting** at the Cornhusker in Lincoln.

July 25th – 29th – Third Library Leadership Institute in Schuyler, see pages 15 and 16 for registration and information.

July 29th – 30th: Library Leadership Alumni Reunion in Schuyler, see page 17.



The Royals baseball team will give away 10,000 tickets statewide for summer reading participants. The library game day is Sunday, August 14, 1:35pm.

Please let the System office know if you need tickets and how many by **April 18, 2005**, 800-288-6063 or jennip@alltel.net.



Nebraska College Savings Plan will again give away two \$1000 savings plans statewide and they will offer a weekend package for families of winners of the college savings plan if they are traveling to the game to get the prize. Package includes 2 nights at a hotel, zoo passes and games passes. More information to follow.

NEWSPAPER MONTH



Last minute Christmas present to **Dvoracek Memorial Library!** The library was notified 4 days before Christmas that it was a recipient of a donation from a local citizen. On our "wish list" were new blinds for the 19 windows in the library. Since the donor had to spend the money before January 1, we had to make some frantic phone calls for estimates. The estimates received were for the same product, but differed greatly in price. The donor chose the lower bid, which suited us, since it was the same company that had done such a great job of installing our new carpet in October. We love our Hunter-Douglas honeycomb flame retardant blinds and feel so fortunate to have generous patrons in our community. Submitted by Nancy Vacek and Susie Homolka

In March, the **Table Rock Library** had an open house to celebrate the renovation of their library. When one of the town's resident's died, she left money that was used for the project. On the outside, they put on new siding, did a new window and doors, and had a new sign. On the inside they replaced the old gas burner & window air conditioner with a furnace & central air. They changed some of the doorways. So now they have a small room with the computer, and some books, another small room with the children's section, and the main room. Now that (most of) the renovation is completed they've also extended the time that they're open, so that now they are open Tuesday & Thursday afternoons, as well as Saturday morning. They also have a story time for the preschoolers, which is done by a former kindergarten teacher. With the number of churches that are having budget problems, cutting hours, etc. it's refreshing to see a small library with a project like this.



Frances Workman & Ardyce Freeman, who are responsible for running the library.

Submitted by Jorene Herr, Director, Humboldt Public Library

It began with the gift of a poster ... a large poster ... actually a huge poster. When **Seward Memorial Library** staff finished turning the last screw and used all of the necessary nuts and bolts, they looked at the constructed Because of Winn-Dixie poster and thought, "This must lead to something more than a movie announcement." "One Book, One Grade, Seward" was birthed.

The family film being advertised on TV, in newspapers, and on our library poster was based on the Newbery Honor book and winning Golden Sower title, Because of Winn-Dixie, written by Kate DiCamillo. After talking with local school librarians, it was agreed that this could be a book worthy of reading by all of the 4th graders in Seward. By mid-January every 4th grade classroom in Seward was reading Because of Winn-Dixie.

Seward Memorial Library sponsored several activities to coordinate with classroom activities. A Winn-Dixie drawing contest was offered to the students. Seventy-eight children shared their drawings, and they were displayed in the library for the public to view and cast votes. Fourth graders also submitted humorous one page stories about their pet dog experiences. Finally, the library sponsored an after school program featuring a local veterinarian. The dog authority shared his wisdom with the children and brought his own dog as an assistant. The vet, who also enjoyed the story, talked about Winn-Dixie and his dog fears. The climax of the month-long celebration was the arrival of the film on the opening release date. Many families were excited about watching what the 4th graders were talking about: "One Book, One Grade, Seward."

Submitted by Seward Memorial Library

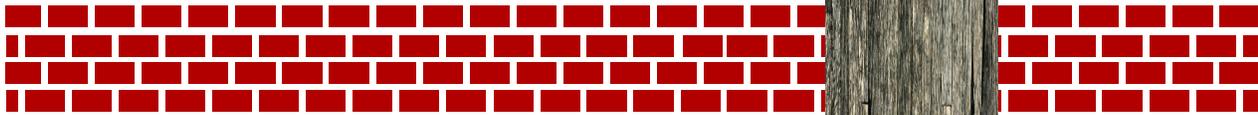
During National Library Week we have the following activities planned here at **Fairbury Public Library**: Master Gardener, Wilma Knipplemeyer of Fairbury, to do a presentation about gardening; a *My Antonia* by Willa Cather "One Book One State" book discussion; Nancy Arant Williams, Christian fiction author and Nebraska Native to do a presentation and book signing. (There will be books authored by Nancy available for sale and refreshments provided); and a Library Open House for the community. We will be providing refreshments and door prizes as well as library tours.

During the week we will also daily be providing refreshments and door prizes. We will be having drawings for embroidered library T-shirts and potted flowers & plants. We will also be having a drawing for a surprise reader's gift bag with misc. items inside.

Submitted by Ellen Vorderstrasse, Director Fairbury Public Library

Bricks and Boards:

Resources for Change in Existing Libraries and New



Monday, June 13, 2005
8:30 am—4:30 pm
Concordia University
Thom Leadership Education Center
800 N. Columbia Ave.
Seward, Nebraska

Sponsored by
Eastern, Meridian,
Northeast,
Panhandle,
Republican Valley
and Southeast
Library Systems

8:30 - 9 a.m.: Exhibits & Coffee

Exhibits available for browsing/consulting throughout the day.

9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Richard Hall — Libris

Libris Design is a highly specialized software system that incorporates years of library facility planning expertise into a database designed to help library planners produce high quality building programs and project cost estimates for new, re-modeled or expanded library facilities. The program saves time and money by providing a tool that effectively communicates the library facility requirements in a comprehensive and organized way.

(Financially supported by Nebraska Library Commission)

12 – 12:45 p.m.: Lunch

12:45 – 1 p.m.: Exhibits

1-2 p.m.: Brendle — Future of Library Design: Building Adaptable Spaces

Explores library design of the future, for new construction as well as cost effective, flexible renovations of older facilities. A variety of design ideas & future trends will be discussed & presented in an easy-to-understand way, with examples.

2 – 2:15 p.m.: Exhibits/Break

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.: Four Sessions-please choose and circle one

Kent Munster – Getting Started on a Building Project

Davis Design – Using the Charette Process in Building Project

An interactive process where onsite architects take community input and hand-sketch designs based the input. The goal is to discover what ideas work within the community parameters before formal design work begins.

John Seyfarth – Integrating Technology

Michael Teetor – Lighting Design & Energy Audits

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.: Exhibits/Break

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.: Four Sessions-please choose and circle one

Carol Speicher – Building Community Support

Mike Benck – Alternative Delivery Methods

The benefits and costs of various alternative project delivery methods that are available in library facility design & construction today, including the impact on your role as the owner. This is an opportunity to explore the world of construction management, design-assist, design-build & traditional design-bid-build methodologies.

Jodene Glaesemann and Julie Simpson - Merchandizing & Displaying Materials

Nebraska Law Enforcement Personnel - Safety/Security

4:30 p.m.: Tour of Seward Memorial Library

NAME: _____

LIBRARY : _____ EMAIL: _____

Please send registration form (circle sessions attending) & fees (includes coffee break, lunch and packet) by **June 6, 2005** to: Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm St., Suite 12A, Omaha, NE 68144. Please make checks payable to **Nebraska Regional Library Systems**.

Please photocopy form, as needed.

6 CE hours

Cost:
\$25 1 person
\$20 each if
2 people
\$15 each if 3+
people



Call for Board Nominations

The Southeast Library System is seeking nominations of persons representing member libraries to serve on the System Board of Directors. Board members will be elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2005. Nominees may be librarians, trustee, 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. Meetings last about three hours. Members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. However, they are reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. Mileage to and from meetings is reimbursed at the federal rate; other reimbursed expenses include telephone and postage costs. Board members must have access to e-mail.

Who Currently Serves on the Board?

Becky Baker, Seward, President; Jan Thomsen, Aurora, Vice-President; Rebecca Bernthal, Lincoln, Treasurer; Lisa Olivigni, Crete, Secretary; Robin Brooks, York; Judy Butler, Waverly; Sandy Elton, Lincoln; Karen Frank, Greenwood; Debbie Goossen, Lewiston; Ken Gunselman, York; Stephen Hunt, Plattsmouth; Hope Schawang, Falls City; and Tom Schmitz, Lincoln.

Mail your nomination by May 20, 2005 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505

Name: _____ Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Address: _____ Email _____

Circle one: Librarian/Media Specialist Trustee 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: _____



News and Notes

April is School Library Media Month.

Resources for informing the public about how library media specialists help kids are located on the American Library Association's website: www.ala.org/@yourlibrary. April 11-17 is Young People's Poetry Week. Materials to support your celebration can be found at www.cbcbooks.org.

Lesson Plans for NebraskAccess

Lesson plans designed to enhance the research and information seeking skills of K12 students in Nebraska have been added to the Librarian's Toolbox: www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskacess/toolbox/lessonplans.html They address a variety of national, state, and local standards and can be integrated into the curriculum.

Here are a couple of ideas from the "**Board Boosters**" column of February 2005 issue of *The Non-profit Board Report*:

- To get names for new members of a board, contact past board members for ideas. They are often willing to "keep their eyes peeled year 'round -- not just once during the year -- for people who would bring the right mix of skills and experience to the board."
- Board members may find it difficult to keep names and faces of other board members straight. "One solution: Assemble a 'bio book' -- short bios of board members, including professional and personal interests plus, if appropriate, info about their families. (Pictures are a nice touch, too.) Members each get a copy."

Passed on from Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission.

Read Aloud Nebraska (RAN) is seeking applications from Nebraska communities interested in designation as a "Read Aloud Community" for 2005. Such designation will emphasize the commitment of local libraries, businesses, civic organizations, and governments to the importance of reading aloud to people of all ages. "Read Aloud Communities" receive recognition on the RAN website, a certificate, eligibility to apply for RAN mini-grants, and information and public relations materials regarding reading activities in Nebraska. The "Read Aloud Communities" program is an initiative of Read Aloud Nebraska, a committee of the Nebraska State Reading Association. The mission of RAN is to "promote healthy, successful children and families through reading aloud." Applications (one per town) and further information may be obtained from: www.readaloudnebraska.org. There is no fee, but applications must be received electronically by **April 15, 2005**.

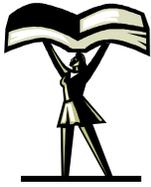
Nominations for Meritorious Service and Mari Sandoz Awards due by May 27, 2005.

The NLA Citations Committee invites nominations for the Meritorious Service Award and the Mari Sandoz Award for the year 2005. The Meritorious Service Award is given annually to the person, corporation, or organization which has contributed to the improvement of library service in a local community, region, state agency, or in library legislation. The Mari Sandoz Award recognizes significant, enduring contribution to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production, or related activity.

Nomination procedures:

1. The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, address, and telephone number, the nominee's accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should include the name, title, address, and telephone number of the person or group making the nomination.
2. Also required are at least four additional letters that support and endorse the nomination. Such letters may provide further information about the nominee.
3. The NLA Meritorious Service Award may be given to an individual or group.
4. More information and lists of past recipients may be found in the NLA Handbook at www.nebraskalibraries.org/handbook/handbk0.htm
5. Nominations and letters of support must be received by Friday, May 27, 2005 and should be mailed to:

Robin Bernstein / Chair 2005 NLA Citations Committee
 Bellevue University Library, 1000 Galvin Road South, Bellevue, NE 68005
 Nominations may also be submitted via e-mail at robin@bellevue.edu



News and Notes

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 Congratulations to the following libraries in SELS who received **2005 LSTA Grants** from the Nebraska Library Commission:

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, \$16,748 (Reference Software for Libraries)

Polley Music Library, \$19,485 (Digital Music Project)

For a complete list of grant awards and additional information go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/1683.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/1683.html).

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The Shopper Inc. has been in business since 1985 supplying the needs of libraries, government facilities, video stores and various retail establishments. They offer a wide range of products including display racks, media cases, shelving, storage drawers and many other supplies. Libraries may view products online at www.shopperinc.com Catalogs are available upon request.

Discount: All Nebraska libraries will receive a **15% discount off the regular price of all catalog items with a minimum \$25 order.** To receive this discount please refer to **bid# 386** on all orders.

For more information on how to take advantage of this discount opportunity, and to learn about other book and supply discounts available to Nebraska libraries, see: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/discount.html>

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Alternative Press websites: (Be watchful for “open source” sites.)

Independent Media Center (may have trouble accessing this site): www.indymedia.org/

The Global Network of More than 1,000 Media Issue Groups: www.mediachannel.org/

Radio & TV News: www.democracynow.org/

The Pacifica Radio Foundation: www.pacifica.org/

International News sites:

Global Vision News Network: www.gvnews.net/

Independent International Media Company: www.globalvision.org/

International English Edition of Al Jazeera: www.aljazeera.com/

Pakistan News Wire: www.paktribune.com/

The Guardian (of London): www.guardian.co.uk/

British Broadcasting Company: www.bbc.co.uk/

Media Watchdog Organizations:

Accuracy in Media: www.aim.org/

Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting: www.fair.org/

Media Research Center: www.mediaresearch.org/

Enter “media watchdog” within your favorite search engine for additional sites.

Journalism Watchdog Organizations:

Columbia Journalism Review: www.cjr.org/

American Journalism Review: www.ajr.org/

The Pew Research Center for the People & the Press: www.people-press.org/

The Project for Excellence in Journalism: www.journalism.org/

On the Media: www.onthemedialog.org/



The 6th Annual

Southeast Library System Training Extravaganza!

May 20, 2005
9 a.m.—4 p.m.
Hamilton College
1821 K Street, Lincoln
Cost: \$10 (lunch on your own)
5 hours of CE credit available

A whole day devoted to library training for every member of your staff! We will have sessions about food guidelines, census, read-alouds, and much more! Three workshops will run simultaneously, allowing you to pick and choose what you will attend. See the next page for a full listing of courses. Seating for some courses is limited, so register early!

Registration — Training Extravaganza

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Library/Institution: _____

Email address: _____

To register, please fill out this form and circle which sessions you plan to attend on the next page. Send that page, this form, and your \$10 registration fee, by **May 13, 2005** to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R Street, Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505. Thanks! Sign in will begin at 9 a.m. the day of the workshop, and the first session will begin at 9:30. See you there!

Please circle the sessions you plan to attend:**9:30 — 10:30 a.m.**

Excellent New Read-Alouds for Kids-Pat Leach and Sandy Wallick, LCL

Great new books and reading aloud techniques. A demand repeat performance from a sold-out Kearney presentation.

You Don't Even Have to Brush Your Teeth-Lisa Kelly, NLC and Karen Hein, UNO

Approachable, accommodating reference using website and email to help as many patrons as possible.

Computer Strategies for Libraries-John Seyfarth, Sump Memorial Library
Learn about what's new: USB, wireless, and how to keep your current technology secured and maintained.

10:45—11:45 a.m.

Preparing for the Worst
– Kay Walter, UNL

Tornados, no problem. Floods, forget about it. Rampaging wildebeests, who cares? Creating disaster plans and preparing for worst-case scenarios.

Lives Well Lived– Vicki Wood, LCL

Young Adult and Adult biographies and memoirs from one of our favorite book talkers.

Using Data to Tell Your Library's Story–Kit Keller, NLC

Bibliostat™ Connect is a Web-based statistical tool that allows for simple, powerful analysis of library data, without proficiency in using spreadsheets or databases.

LUNCH!! 11:45 a.m. —1 p.m.**1 — 2 p.m.**

Do You Review?-Alicia Graybill

Beyond, “Yes, I liked it.” or “No, I hated it.” How do you give a book review? What people are looking for in a good review.

It's Not Brain Surgery– Sara Schott

General organizational tips and tricks to help you sort through it all easier.

Hands On with HeritageQuest
–Susan Knisely, NLC

Detailed exploration of HeritageQuest, a genealogical site.

2:15—3:15 p.m.

No Food Felonies–George Hanssen, NE Dept. of Agriculture

Guidelines about food in public buildings from board meetings to summer reading programs to outside groups.

More Fun Than Brain Surgery-Sara Schott

Scrapbooking with Sara-Projects for genealogists and crafters. Making things look pretty including library PR, family history and more.

Head Counts-Beth Goble, NLC

Shortcuts and tips for using census data.



Southeast Library System



Invite you to the 2005 Joint Training Institute . . .

Norris High School
25211 S. 68th St. (3 miles south of Hickman)
June 7, 2005
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Don't be a dunce, come learn about:



- Crafting Messages that Matter: Library Advocacy & Communication - *Deb Levitov*, Lincoln Public Schools
- From "Aardvarks and Alphabets" to "Angst and Attitude": Book talks for elementary to young adult
- *Susan Steider*, Lincoln Public Library
- *Karla Wendelin*, Elliott Elementary School
- Peas in a Pod: Teacher/Librarian Collaborative Projects that Work! - *Judy Butler*, Waverly High School
- *Debbie Goossen*, Lewiston Consolidated Schools

The registration fee for this institute is \$10 – a bargain for a full day of training that includes lunch. Research shows that a collaborative learning community enhances student learning, so, media specialists, bring someone along to the Institute, like a non-NEMA member, your library paraprofessional, a teacher, administrator or volunteer. The Institute is a wonderful training opportunity for Public Library staff, too, and a great opportunity for library supporters from both public and school to network and become aware of shared or unique services and ways of working together.

One hour independent study is available this summer from UNO for attending NEMA Training Institutes and completing some accompanying activities—contact Dr. Becky Pasco at 402-554-2119 or rpasco@mail.unomaha.edu for information. Participants also earn 5 hours CE from Nebraska Library Commission.

Contact Southeast Library System for more information, 800-288-6063 or jennip@alltel.net.

A \$10 Registration Fee Must Be Enclosed for each person attending.

Registration deadline is **Friday, June 3, 2005.** *Make checks payable to Southeast Library System.*

Name: _____

School: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

E-Mail: _____

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

\$ Where's the Bucks? \$

Fundraising Strategies for Public Libraries 2005 Spring Meetings

*Sponsored by the NLA Public Library Section
and NLA Trustees, Users and Friends Section*

*May 10 – Kimball Public Library
May 11 – North Platte Public Library
May 12 – Kilgore Memorial Library, York*

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10-12:00 – **\$ “Where’s the Bucks” \$** Professional fundraiser Tom Jorgensen will present vital information on various aspects of fundraising for public libraries, including planned giving, endowment trusts, capital campaigns and annual fund drives. Mr. Jorgensen is President/Senior Counsel of Jorgensen Consulting, he offers 30 years experience as a development and stewardship director, consultant, presenter, publisher, and author.

12-1 - Lunch

1-3 **Consultation** Tom Jorgensen will do one-on-one consultations with librarians and/or round table discussions for multiple participants who share similar questions/concerns. Additionally, he will provide hands-on direction for those interested in drafting a measurable plan of action to pursue once they return to their respective libraries.

Registrations may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed ahead of time or accompany payment.

Payment for registration should be sent to:

Cecelia Lawrence, North Platte Public Library, 120 West 4th Street, North Platte, NE 69101
308-535-8036, 308-535-8296 (fax), lawrencecc@ci.north-platte.ne.us

Registration Deadline May 3

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Library _____ email _____

Please check the day you will be coming:

- _____ Tuesday, May 10, Kimball Event Center, 614 E. 3rd, Kimball, NE
- _____ Wednesday, May 11, North Platte Public Library, 120 West 4th Street, North Platte, NE
- _____ Thursday, May 12, Kilgore Memorial Library, 6th & Nebraska Avenue, York, NE

Registration Fee: \$20.00 payable to NLA Public Library Section (includes morning snack and lunch)

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of *fresh ideas*

seasoned *experience*, self-discovery, & *sharing*

gives way to

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Following the success of the 2001 & 2003 Nebraska Library Leadership Institutes, the Nebraska Regional Library Systems are pleased to offer the third Leadership Institute. It is a four-day institute for 30 librarians from across the state who will become our library leaders of tomorrow. During the coming years, incredible socio-economic, demographic and technological changes will continue to take place and our leaders must ensure that libraries continue to serve as a key element in the state's info-structure.



July 25-July 29, 2005

St. Benedict Center, Highway 15, 4 miles north of Schuyler, NE

Institute begins at noon on the 25th and ends after lunch with past Institute graduates on the 29th.

Purpose The purpose of the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute 2005 is to provide future Nebraska library leaders a structured professional development opportunity to:

- Examine in depth their own leadership styles.
- Gain knowledge and skills needed for effective leadership in a rapidly changing environment.
- Identify their professional and personal goals.
- Develop a network of professional peers with whom they will continue to work for years to come.
- Interact with a select group of outstanding library leaders who will serve as mentors.

Participants The intended audience of the Institute will be librarians with 2-10 years of library experience, degreed or non-degreed. The 30 selected participants will have demonstrated:

- Outstanding leadership potential.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Successful library employment experience.
- Initiative, commitment and reasonable risk-taking.

Facilitators

Together, Becky and John have facilitated state leadership institutes in Utah, Alaska, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Nebraska.

Becky Schreiber: For more than 20 years, Becky has been helping organizations reinvent themselves in response to customer expectations. Becky has established herself as a consultant who understands the needs of libraries and has the experience to work effectively within those systems. She is known for thorough preparation, dynamic presentation, and responsiveness to her clients. Becky has an M.Ed. in Counseling from the American University and a B.S. from Hood College.

John Shannon: Consulting since 1973, John's current focus is in helping his clients understand and develop their capacity to capitalize on the dynamic forces of change that are unleashed once an organization is in motion. He believes a key element in this process is the building of a critical mass of employees committed to the change; enormous gains are then possible. His clients rely on his intuitive process skills and conflict resolution. John has an M.S. in Applied Behavioral Sciences from Johns Hopkins University and a B.S. from the University of Dayton.



Librarians from all types of libraries are encouraged to apply for this unique experience!

- Jim Bothmer**
- Nancy Busch**
- John Dale**
- Brenda Ealey**
- Becky Pasco**
- Kris Rogge**
- Ted Smith**
- Myrna Tewes**
- Kathy Tooker**

Mentors Outstanding library leaders will be mentors at the 2005 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, including practicing librarians from academic, special and public backgrounds. These leaders are knowledgeable about libraries and care about providing library service in Nebraska. They will share real-life experiences, successes, failures, joys, frustrations, wisdom, perspectives and advice. They will also facilitate discussions, give brief presentations on topics of special importance to them and schedule time to meet with participants to discuss career goals.

Requirements All applicants must complete an application form. Forms can be requested by contacting:

your System office

or **Kathy Tooker**, Eastern Library System Administrator, 11929 Elm St., Ste. 12, Omaha, NE 68144
800-627-7884, ktooker@alltel.net

or **online at any of the system webpages.**

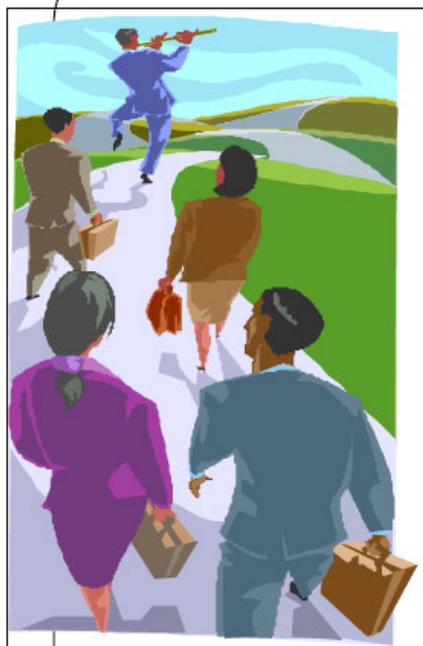
Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2005. The 30 Institute participants will be notified by May 31, 2005. **The registration fee of \$175 from the 30 selected participants is due by June 30, 2005.**

Nebraska Library Leadership Institute 1 (2001) & 2 (2003) R & R*

***Refresher and Reunion**



Have you flexed your leadership skills lately? Follow the "Leadership Pied Pipers" (John & Becky) to a refresher and reunion, including meeting the NeLLI 3rd class of graduates!



When: July 29, high noon
through July 30, 1 p.m.

Where: St. Benedict Center,
Highway 15, 4 miles north of
Schuyler, NE

Cost: \$60

Includes overnight stay in
double room and four meals
(two lunches, breakfast and
supper)

CE Credit: 8 hours



Please submit this registration form with \$60 (payable to Regional Library Systems) to Kathy Tooker, Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm Street, Suite 12A, Omaha, NE 68144 by July 18, 2005.

NAME: _____

LIBRARY: _____

ROOMMATE PREFERENCE? _____

I attended the 1st/2001 or 2nd/2003 NeLLI Institute (please circle one)



Online Training Opportunities

There are currently 3 online courses being offered by the Nebraska Library Commission, 2 in partnership with The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. (With the two, since the support is coming from the Gates Foundation only public library staff, public library board members, and volunteers can participate through this offer).

- ⌘ **Improving Your Communication Skills: Presentation Skills for Librarians (Gates)**
- ⌘ **Providing Excellent Customer Service in a Multicultural Environment (Gates)(repeat)**
- ⌘ **Reaching Teenagers**

You don't have to leave your library or home to learn!

The Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) received grant monies from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as part of its mission to assist public libraries in the area of public access computing. The online classes are being offered through the Library Education @ Desktop (LEAD) program from the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Science. More specific information about the LEAD program is available at: web2.unt.edu/cmp_lead/.

Normally the costs of the courses are \$ 7.00 each, with funding through the Gates Foundation and NLC, NLC is able to provide the online courses to you at no cost.

What if I have never participated in an online course?

That's ok. Your Regional Library System office staff will provide you with assistance as a facilitator in the course.

Can completion of any of the courses be applied toward the Public Librarian Certification program or the Public Library Board Certification program?

Yes. If a participant has applied for the applicable certification program, the person will receive 2 hours toward the appropriate certification program whether it is Public Librarian or Board certification.

When will the class start?

Any of the classes listed above will begin **April 29, 2005**. You will have until **June 1, 2005** to complete the course. You can sign up for just one course or all three; space is limited for the "Reaching Teenagers" course (20 seats per Regional Library System), so don't delay.

When and where can I register for the course?

As soon as you can! Please sign up by **April 22, 2005** with Jenni at: jennip@alltel.net for "Reaching Teenagers." You may register for the other courses via: Jenni, jennip@alltel.net or 800-288-6063, Pam Scott at the Nebraska Library Commission, or via the NLC website address of: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/libdevgatesfndonlinetrngreg.html.

What if I have more questions?

If you have any other questions pertaining to this opportunity, contact Pam Scott, Continuing Education Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission via email: pscott@nlc.state.ne.us or via phone: 800-307-2665.

Starting May, 2005...

LIBR 1610 Introduction to Children and Young Adult Services

3 Semester Hours

Online

Summer Session 2005

Course will be offered May 16 – August 5, 2005



This course will provide students with an introduction to services for children and young adults in the library. Students will be introduced to the philosophy of services to children and young adults and the tasks performed by library staff. Objectives include:

- Display knowledge of the theories and philosophy of library service to children and young adults including understanding the value of literature in the lives of youth
- Describe the various functions and policies of a library's children and young adults services department
- Apply a basic understanding of the criteria that make good children's picture books, novels and nonfiction
- Apply a basic understanding of the criteria that make good young adult books
- Find, select, and use quality multicultural literature to facilitate multicultural awareness in children and young adults.

Explain the benefits for youth of materials other than books in the library

Class Instructor: LIBR 1610 Joie Taylor violets@megavision.com

Also starting May, 2005...

LIBR 1510 Reference Services In Library and Information Environments

3 Semester Hours

Online

Summer Session 2005

Course Dates: May 23 – August 5, 2005



This course will provide students with the knowledge and skills applicable to reference services in library and information environments.

Topics include:

- Understanding the philosophy of reference/information services
- Evaluation of information resources
- Identifying current information resources
- Conducting an effective reference interview

Demonstrating efficient and effective information search strategies

Class Instructor: LIBR 1510 Linda Bowden lbowden@cccneb.edu

Requirement for Library Technology Assistant program that will be offered through the Nebraska Community Colleges.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Libraries – Intro course may be taken concurrently

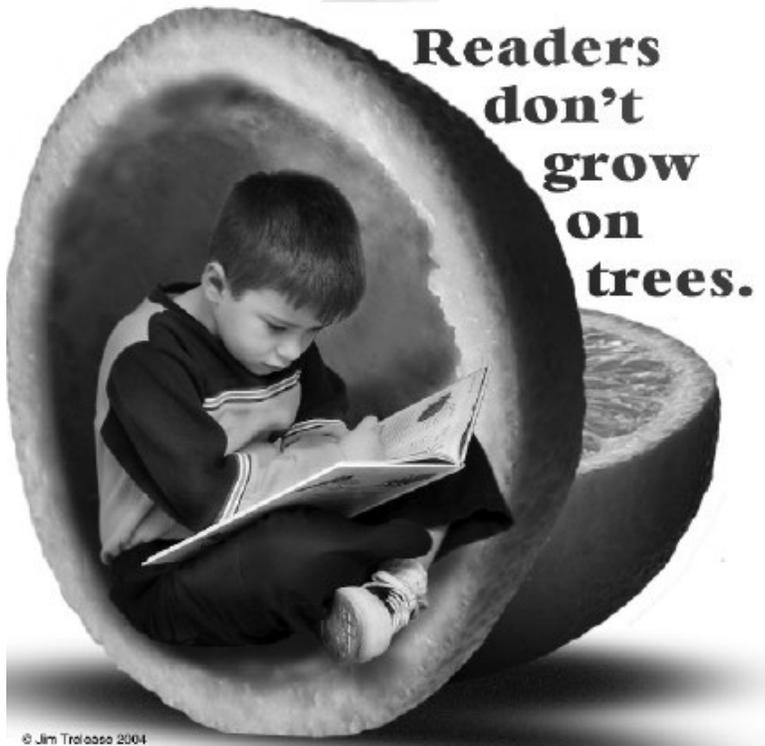
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Mary Young
Director of Admission, Columbus Campus
(800) 642-1083 ext. 1296

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Director of Admissions, Grand Island Campus
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www.cccneb.edu

General Registration for Summer 2005 term begins April 8, 2005



**Jim Trelease
Oct. 19, 2005
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Sponsored by
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**Presented at Concordia University
Seward, Nebraska
John W. Cattle Conference Center
located in Janzow Campus Center**

**Visit the Jim Trelease web site!
www.trelease-on-reading.com**

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

Additional supporters include:

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For driving directions, please visit
www.sewardlibrary.org/trelease.htm

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

School or Library _____

Please include your \$5 registration fee.
This fee will be returned to you at the program.
Make checks payable to Seward Memorial Library.

Mail to: Seward Memorial Library
233 S. 5th St.
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3318



Registration opens April 11, 2005

LIBR 1110 ADMINISTRATION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ENVIRONMENTS

3 Semester Hours / 4.5 Quarter Hours

Online

Fall Term, 2005

August 22, 2005 – December 16, 2005

This course is designed to introduce the student to administration issues in library and information environments.

Topics include:

- Governance & Legal Structure
- Planning & Evaluation
- Budgeting
- Policies & Procedures
- Cooperation
- Marketing & Advocacy
- Facilities
- Personnel Issues
- Management



Face to face meetings will be held in September & December.
Locations and dates to be determined after class begins.

*Requirement for the Library Technology Assistant Associate of Arts Degree option
that is being offered through the Nebraska Community Colleges.*

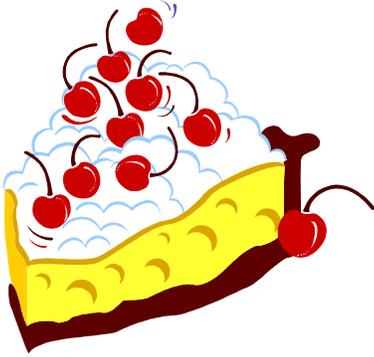
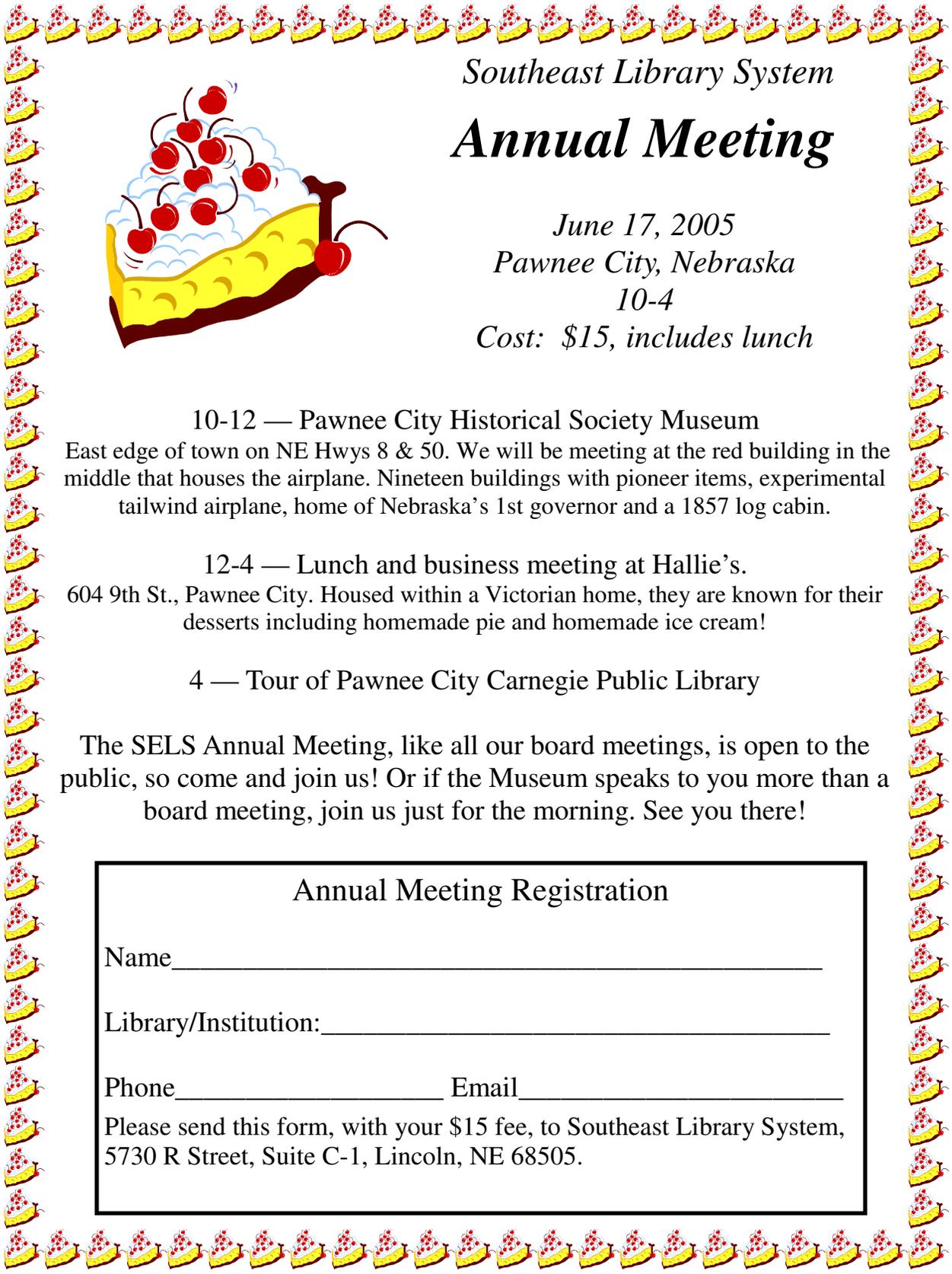
*Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Introduction to Library and Information Services, from Metropolitan Community College
(Omaha) which may be taken at the same time,
or with instructor approval.*

Interested? Contact Northeast Community College Today:

Shelley Lammers, Admissions Office
shelley@northeastcollege.com
(800) 348-9033, extension 7282
(402) 844-7282
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Class Instructor: Carol Speicher speicher@nol.org 402-564-9401



Southeast Library System
Annual Meeting

June 17, 2005
Pawnee City, Nebraska
10-4
Cost: \$15, includes lunch

10-12 — Pawnee City Historical Society Museum
East edge of town on NE Hwys 8 & 50. We will be meeting at the red building in the middle that houses the airplane. Nineteen buildings with pioneer items, experimental tailwind airplane, home of Nebraska’s 1st governor and a 1857 log cabin.

12-4 — Lunch and business meeting at Hallie’s.
604 9th St., Pawnee City. Housed within a Victorian home, they are known for their desserts including homemade pie and homemade ice cream!

4 — Tour of Pawnee City Carnegie Public Library

The SELS Annual Meeting, like all our board meetings, is open to the public, so come and join us! Or if the Museum speaks to you more than a board meeting, join us just for the morning. See you there!

Annual Meeting Registration

Name _____

Library/Institution: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please send this form, with your \$15 fee, to Southeast Library System,
5730 R Street, Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.

**Southeast Library System Board Meeting
February 11, 2005
Weeping Water Public Library – Weeping Water, NE**

Board Members present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Robin Brooks (Kilgore Memorial Library); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Deb Goossen (Lewiston Public Schools); Steve Hunt (Plattsmouth Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library).
Also present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Rod Wagner (Nebraska Library Commission).

Board Members absent:

Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE Libraries); Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center); Ken Gunselman (York College Library); Hope Schawang (Lydia Brun Woods Memorial Library);

Agenda

I. What's New Around the System: President Baker called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Jan Aronson, Director of Weeping Water Public Library, was our gracious host. All Board members discussed current activities taking place at their libraries. In particular, it was noted that SELS is once again formatting and printing the postcards for the Legislative Day promotion. Jenni shared examples with the Board.

II. Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Steve Hunt, second by Debbie Goossen, the minutes from the December 10, 2004 meeting were approved. Motion passed.

III. Financial Report: Jenni discussed the current budget, providing members with a spreadsheet that indicated 58% of the fiscal year has passed. Jenni pointed out her notation regarding grants and supplemental funds. This is highlighted in blue at the bottom of the budget report. It was noted that Board mileage donated back to SELS should be listed in the Misc. Income/Donations line, not the mileage expense line. On a motion by Tom Schmitz, second by Robin Brooks, the transaction report dated 12/10/04 through 2/8/05. Motion passed.

IV. SELS Technology Plan: Brenda discussed the recent revision of the SELS' Technology Plan. It had been revised in August, but was revised again recently to reflect additional E-Rate requirements expressed by Pam Scott, E-rate coordinator at NLC. Specifically a statement regarding future purchases was added indicating staff would consult the technology requirements provided by NLC. The plan's date was amended to cover the years 2004-2006, in accordance with e-rate guidelines. On a motion by Steve Hunt, second by Karen Frank, the Technology Plan was approved with these changes.

V. Administrator's Report: Brenda's many activities and duties outlined in her current report (December 10, 2004 to February 11, 2005) included:

- CASTL meetings in December and January
- Basic Skills Administration class – project reviews
- Attended Morton-James Public Library Board Meeting in Nebraska City
- Reviewed Correctional Library LSTA grant
- Met with NLA Diversity Committee
- Strategic planning regarding LB 599
- Testified before the Banking, Commerce & Insurance Committee on LB 374 (Nebraska Regional Library System Health Benefits) Unfortunately, LB 374 did not make it out of committee.

Summer reading workshop preparations

VI. LB 599: Rod Wagner reported on the current status of LB 599. The League of Municipalities introduced it. If this bill advances to the floor and passes, power would be given to the mayor and village board of second class cities that could potentially lessen or even dissolve the library board. Board members discussed concerns about diminishing administrative boards to advisory boards, or perhaps the dissolution of library boards completely in second class cities. After much discussion, on a motion by Robin Brooks, second by Steve Hunt, board members voted to support a resolution in opposition of LB 599. Brenda noted that the majority of libraries in the Southeast System would be affected by the passage of this legislation.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

VII. NLC Report: Rod reported on the ILMS grant - Librarians for the 21st Century. These funds will allow for marketing, mentoring and some financial aid for library science students. He also discussed the Gates Foundation Grant and the recent addition of Heritage Quest to NebraskaAccess. It is possible that in the future, state aid will come in the form of a debit card. The budget hearing for the Library Commission will be on March 8, 2005.

VIII. Committee Meetings: The Board met together for all committees at 2:12 p.m. Jan Thomsen reported for the CE Committee, noting that the Training Extravaganza will be held May 20 at Hamilton College. Brenda also noted that the Summer Reading workshop will be held in Seward on March 11. Jenni reported for the CP Committee, stating that a welcome packet for system libraries is in process.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

April/May 2005

“How do you expect students to think for themselves if you never expose them to situations that are challenging and unfamiliar (yet still safely contained within the pages of a great work of literature)? The way to make sure students grow up moral and responsible is to have them read as wide a spectrum of ideas as possible.”

—Sasha Mushegian, TeenStar reporter
objecting to the removal of fourteen books from
the Blue Valley School District in Kansas
(Kansas City Star, January 16, 2005 as seen in
VOYA April 2005)

**April is School Library Media Month
and National Poetry Month**

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