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### SOWINGS

#### Use In Good Health

By Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

The recent health care legislative activity has me scrambling to sift fact from fiction – and I would guess that it might be frustrating you too, as well as your customers. So, I went seeking assistance from Dr. Katie Johnson, at St. John's University – a self described “News Geek” and Associate Professor of Communication. Dr. Johnson spoke as one of the keynotes at the NLA/NEMA Conference in 2004 – and at that time provided us with some great advice and resources in encouraging examination and inquiry when it comes to the news, including:

- 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.

In my e-mail conversation with Dr. Johnson last week she had these suggestions for helpful websites for information regarding health care, and shared info on each from their web pages:

1. **Kaiser Family Foundation** – [www.kff.org](http://www.kff.org) – a nonprofit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the U.S., as well as the U.S. role in global health policy. They are not associated with Kaiser Permanente or Kaiser Industries. They serve as a non-partisan source of facts, information,

and analysis for policymakers, the media, the health care community and the public. Their product is information from the most sophisticated policy research, to basic facts and numbers, to information young people can use to improve their health or elderly people can use to understand their Medicare benefits.

2. **Factcheck.org** – <http://factcheck.org> – a nonpartisan, nonprofit consumer advocate for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics run by the Annenberg Center for Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania. They monitor the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews and news releases. Their goal is to apply the best practices of both journalism and scholarship, and to increase public knowledge and understanding. They accept no funding from business corporations, labor unions, political parties or lobbying organizations.

I share these with you as at least a starting place for resources to help in understanding and deciphering the health care conversations happening in the media. Libraries and librarians are a logical place for individuals to seek out information on topics of concern, and it's important for us to have tools ready to aid students and customers seeking information.

*Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.*

~Mark Twain

# CALENDAR

## Southeast Library Systems

[www.selsne.org/calendar.html](http://www.selsne.org/calendar.html)

### April/May 2010

**April is ALA's School Library Month**—2010 is the 25th Anniversary of School Library Month. Check it out at the [ALA website](#).

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board meeting at Tri-County Schools in DeWitt. [Click here](#) for Google map. Meeting starts at 10 a.m.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Tech Trends in Libraries - College of DuPage teleconference, 11 to 12:30. Programs can be accessed via webcast or satellite downlink. For more information go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collidupage.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collidupage.html). If you'd like to watch as a group with Seward Memorial Library (SML) staff you are invited to join them in their meeting room. Please let SML know by April 8<sup>th</sup>, if you plan on attending – (643-3318).

**April 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> National Library Week**, Communities thrive @ your library. For more information and ideas for celebrating go to: [www.pla.org/ala/aboutala/offices/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.cfm](http://www.pla.org/ala/aboutala/offices/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.cfm).



**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting in Fairbury, 601 7th Street. [Click here for Google map](#). The meeting starts at 10 a.m. and we'll aim to wrap up by 3 or 3:30. Pick one of the titles from the Adrenaline Category (Suspense, Thriller, Action Adventure) of the RUSA Reading List at: [www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/readinglist/index.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/readinglist/index.cfm). See [page 5](#) for more details.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** – NEMA/SELS Workshop at Dorchester Schools from 9 to 12. Topics include: hand-helds, Microsoft Publisher and book reviews. If you have questions or to register contact us at the SELS office. See [page 4](#) for details.

**April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** – Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA)/Oklahoma Library Association Conference. Explore the Possibilities in Oklahoma City! Visit the MPLA website for more information on this event: [www.oklibs.org/modx/events/Conferences.htm](http://www.oklibs.org/modx/events/Conferences.htm).

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Wine, Writers & Song Festival in Brownville. Travel to Brownville for a day of poetry, music, storytelling, writers' workshop, and readings from various writers. For more information visit: [www.brownville-ne.com/](http://www.brownville-ne.com/).

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – eBook Unconference at Bellevue University – Nebraska Library Association Technical Service Round Table (TSRT) Spring Meeting. You can find more information at the Nebraska Library Association website, at: [www.nebraskalibraries.org/TSRT/spring.html](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/TSRT/spring.html).

**April 24<sup>th</sup>** – ACLU Nebraska's Annual Dinner. The keynote speaker this year is Ellery Schempp, who as a high school student challenged Bible readings in public school in a case that went all the way to the US Supreme Court in 1963. The event will start at 6 p.m. at Cascio's Steak House, 1620 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha. Tickets are \$45. You can find more information at the ACLU Nebraska web page and calendar: [www.aclunebraska.org/calendar.htm](http://www.aclunebraska.org/calendar.htm).

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Trustee Training & Board Development with Jim Connor at the Wahoo Public Library from 9 to 4. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch. You can find all the details and a registration form on [page 16](#).

**April 29th** - SELS Friends Aged to Perfection auction and wine tasting at James Arthur Vineyards. Click over to [page 11](#) for more details.

**April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>** – Nebraska Educational Technology Association Conference – Creative Journeys to Learning at the LaVista Embassy Suites & Conference Center. For more information visit: [www.netasite.org/conf2010](http://www.netasite.org/conf2010).

**May 3rd, 10th & 17th**— Organization of Library Materials Basic Skills Course at Seward Memorial Library, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. [Click here for a Google map](#) to Seward Memorial Library.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – NLA Public Library Trustee Section (PLTS) Spring Meeting in Falls City Library & Arts Center ([click here for a Google map](#)). The program will include a discussion of public library certification guidelines ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/accred.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/accred.html)). Contact Sarah Watson for more information, at: [swatson@omaha.library.org](mailto:swatson@omaha.library.org), or see [page 18](#) for registration details.

**May 13th** – Mark your calendar for the evening of May 13th, and join us for the SELS Spring Colloquium with Terry Pettit. Terry is the former UNL Volleyball Coach and an acclaimed speaker in the area of leadership and team building. We'll have copies of Pettit's book for sale, *Talent and the Secret Life of Teams*. Visit [page 15](#) for a registration form and more information.

**May 14th**- Nebraska Library Commissioner's Meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street, Lincoln ([click here](#) for Google map). This meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Maria Medrano-Nehls, at: (402)471-2045, or (800)307-2665, or email Maria, at: [maria.medrano-nehls@nebraska.gov](mailto:maria.medrano-nehls@nebraska.gov).

**May 21st** - Don't miss SELS *Training Extravaganza* at Lincoln Public Schools District Office, 5901 O Street, Lincoln ([click here](#) for Google map), from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visit our flyers on [pages 12 & 13](#) for a registration form and more information.

**June 12th** - SELS Friends Book Fair at SouthPointe Barnes & Noble, in Lincoln ([click here](#) for Google map). More information to come about this great way to support SELS Friends.

**June 14th & 15th** - 2010 Heartland School Library Conference at the W.H. Thompson Alumni Center, located on the University of Nebraska-Omaha campus ([click here](#) for Google map). For more information go to: [www.heartlandslc.org](http://www.heartlandslc.org).

**June 18th**— *New date* for the June CASTL Meeting at Seward Memorial Library. This is a great time for public and school librarians to see the eighty-some titles on the Golden Sower Big List for K through 3rd. Vote for your favorite top-ten, and consider purchasing these titles for your library collection. We are also planning speed reviews of books on the Intermediate List during the afternoon. And finally, please bring a favorite recipe, or two, to add to the SELS Friends Cookbook project—we'd love to see every library community in southeast Nebraska represented.



## CASTL Calendar

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Fairbury Public Library

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** – Seward Memorial Library

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Auburn Memorial Library

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – Deshler Public Library

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Alice M. Farr Library,  
Aurora

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** – Syracuse Public Library

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Webermeier Memorial  
Library, Milford



## Southeast Library System



**NEMA**  
Nebraska Educational  
Media Association

### Invite you to the 2010 Joint Training Institute . . .



Dorchester Public Schools  
506 W. 9th Street  
**April 17, 2010**  
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Come and Learn with Your Peers!

- 8:30 a.m. to 9: Coffee & Conversation and a tour of the new library.
- 9 a.m. to 10: Mobile and Handheld Devices - *Scott Childers*, University of Nebraska Lincoln, Libraries, will provide a broad overview of mobile devices, why they are important & what libraries could do to provide services to them.
- 10 a.m. to 11: Using Publisher with Students & Teachers - *Kim McCain*, of Tri-County Schools, DeWitt, will share information on Publisher projects students have created, and ways librarians can provide support. (*If you have a laptop with Microsoft publisher, please bring with you.*)
- 11 a.m. to 12: Book Reviews - *Vicki Wood*, Lincoln City Libraries will provide booktalks of great titles for elementary students.
- Noon: We'll finish the morning with lunch and a round robin with your colleagues, where you can share ideas, questions, and news from your home communities.

The registration fee for this institute is \$10 – a bargain for 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.

Participants also earn 4 hours CE from Nebraska Library Commission.

Contact Southeast Library System for more information, 800-288-6063 or [yvonneweers@windstream.net](mailto:yvonneweers@windstream.net).

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

Registration deadline is **Monday, April 12, 2010**.

***Make checks payable to Southeast Library System.***

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

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

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

I will be bringing my laptop with Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

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



# CASTL

*Conversation Among Small Town Librarians*

## What Did I Miss at the Last CASTL Meeting?

We had a great turn-out for the CASTL meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Dvoracek Memorial Library in Wilber. We tackled a serious topic – the role of libraries in the future, however it was counter balanced perfectly with lots of laughter and kolaches. We took time to view the program: What is the Future of the Information Age and the Role of Public Libraries? Presented by William Crossman, Futurist and Author of *VIVO (Voice-In-Voice -Out): The Coming Age of Talking Computers* and Rivkah Sass – Director of Sacramento Public Library, previously the director at Omaha Public Library. The program was recorded from the League of Nebraska Municipalities 2010 Midwinter Conference in Lincoln, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Crossman's ideas concerning the future of libraries and print include:

- Text is an ancient Information Technology (IT) for storing information.
- Young people in mass are rejecting text as their IT in favor of voice recognition technology.
- We are moving to a post-literate society in favor of information in the form of video and voice and voice recognition technology. That's a positive direction because of 3 issues: 80% of the world is functionally non-literate, it will allow persons to speak in native language through voice recognition technology, and will allow access to information for persons with disabilities.
- In 2050 rather than teaching reading and writing, we'll teach the 4 C's: creative thinking, critical thinking, computer speak, and calculators.
- The role of libraries between now and 2050 is as a bridge between literate and post literate society. Past 2050 there won't be a need for libraries, except its link with liberty and freedom of information.

Sass provided the following points to consider in addition and primarily in opposition to Crossman's thoughts concerning the future of libraries:

## April CASTL

CASTL meets April 15<sup>th</sup> at Fairbury Public Library, starting at 10 a.m. For the book talk portion we're encouraging you to read one of the titles in the RUSA Reading List in the Adrenaline category – which is their name for the suspense, thriller and action adventure genre. I'll post the list of titles below, plus here's a link to the page with the entire list, as well as other RUSA awards: [www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/readinglist/index.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/readinglist/index.cfm). The Reading List highlights outstanding titles in 8 different genres: Adrenaline, Fantasy, Historical Fiction, Horror, Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction and Women's Fiction, and we'll highlight one of those categories each month for book talks at

- Librarians are first responders – with libraries responding to community needs. So much more than books.
- Libraries provide the opportunity to teach people what they need to learn at a particular time.
- Society will not move to post literate, unless we let technology drive it and then risk those in the future looking back on this period as a second Dark Age.
- Youth are not rejecting print if you look at the level of texting, rather it's the integration generation – they use it all seamlessly, they create content and they want everything delivered instantaneously.
- The questions we need to consider in the future of libraries are: What will the library of 2050 look like? Who will be the library user of 2050? What will it mean to be literate? How will libraries contribute to learning? How much do decision-makers really care? How will we pay for it all?

All in all, it's an interesting conversation and certainly one we need to be aware of as we work at responding to needs of our communities, and in gaining financial support and commitment from our funders. If you'd like to view the program for discussion with staff, or your board, or community – we have a copy you can borrow.

On a related note, the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) has started a discussion on the future of libraries and museums on UpNext: The Future of Museums & Libraries Wiki:

<http://imlsupnext.wikispaces.com/>. They have a discussion guide that include 9 different themes involving the future of libraries, such as: libraries as a third place; technology; planning for a sustainable future; and evaluating service & impact. You can find the discussion guide at: [www.imls.gov/pdf/DiscussionGuide.pdf](http://www.imls.gov/pdf/DiscussionGuide.pdf).

Brenda Ealey, Administrator  
Southeast Library System

CASTL. Also, during our April meeting we're going to look one more time at the Nebraska Public Library Accreditation Guidelines in an effort to come up with solutions to the questions and issues raised concerning the guidelines at our December and January CASTL meetings. Titles are:

- *Gone Tomorrow* by Lee Child.
- *The John Rain* series by Barry Eisler
- *The Bourne Identity* by Robert Ludlum
- *Below Zero* by C. J. Box
- *Beat the Reaper* by Josh Bazell
- *The Neighbor* by Lisa Gardner
- *Shatter* by Michael Robotham
- *The Tourist* by Olen Steinhauer

## Travel Club at Morton-James Library

Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City is offering customers the opportunity to get away and explore new worlds through *The Travel Club*. Library customers and interested persons can follow traveling friends from the web site blog as they journey to Paris, France; Padova, Italy; Budapest, Hungary; Bucharest, Romania; Istanbul, Turkey; Tel Aviv, Israel; Petra, Jordan; Cairo, Egypt and Athens, Greece. Then travelers will also provide a presentation and discussion of the journey upon completion of



their trip. You can check in on the library website (<http://morton-jamespubliclibrary.com/>) to see travelers' progress plus find pictures and commentary just click on Facebook to follow the traveler's journeys, or you can go directly to this link at: [www.facebook.com/pages/Nebraska-City-NE/Morton-James-Public-Library/340665088874?v=wall](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Nebraska-City-NE/Morton-James-Public-Library/340665088874?v=wall).

Submitted by Barbara Hegr,  
Director, Morton-James  
Public Library



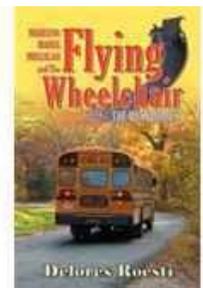
### Wine and Wii +

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries' (LCL) is having Wine and Wii event in support of technology in Lincoln City Libraries. It's an opportunity to play the most talked about video games and bid on priceless items in the silent auction, all while supporting the library. The event is Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Lincoln Country Club and the cost is \$40 per person or \$35 if you are a member of the Friends of LCL – (\$15 is tax-deductible). All proceeds benefit the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries. If you'd like more information go to: <http://foundationforlcl.webs.com/upcomingevents.htm>.

## Fairmont's Author Signing Success

The Fairmont Public Library had a book signing for Delores Roesti, author of *Temptation's Talking* her third book from *Mareena Maree Mulligan and the Flying Wheel Chair* book series. *The Flying Wheel Chair* is the story of Mareena Mulligan, an abandoned orphan diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. Roesti received her education from Southern Nazarene University, and is a retired teacher and has worked with Special Needs children – so writes from first hand experiences. Her books are designed for pre-teens and teens.

Roesti lives in Fairmont and enjoys time with her grandchildren and gardening. She'd be interested in setting up additional library visits and book signings.



*Flying Wheelchair*  
By, Delores Roesti

Submitted by Wanda Marget,  
Director, Fairmont Public Library

## Curbside Service at Crete Public Library

In an effort to reach even more patrons who may benefit from the Library's outreach efforts, the Library is now offering curbside delivery for those elderly and disabled patrons who find access to the library physically challenging. Patrons may park in the library's parking lot and staff will deliver resources to them.

Patrons are encouraged to call the library before 1:00 p.m. on the day they would like to pick up resources. Patrons can request specific titles or library staff will be glad to help with suggestions.

Pick up time for resources will be decided upon between the library staff and the patron.

A current library card is required for all patrons using this service.



Submitted by  
Lisa Olivigni, Director  
Crete Public Library



**NEBRASKA  
AUTHORS  
GET TOGETHER**

## Wilber Friends Host Coffee and History

By June Knudsen, Dvoracek Memorial Library Friends Member

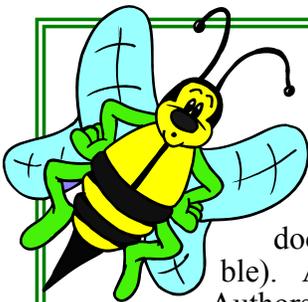
On Saturday morning, March 20th, in the community room of the Dvoracek Memorial Library in Wilber guests enjoyed a history lesson by Judy Rada entitled, *Women in Saline County History*.

Her story of Dr. Olga Sadilek Stastny's life and her humanitarian work in the Czech Republic and with thousands of refugees on a Greek island, was heart warming. Dr. Stastny was born in Wilber and was the first woman doctor of Czech decent in Nebraska. After her husband's early death she studied at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, graduating in 1913. Rada reminded her audience that medical training for women in the early 20th century was a difficult undertaking. That Dr. Stastney managed to do this and raise 2

young children is also part of the story.

Rada also talked about contributions to Saline County by other women. Facts about their lives are also fascinating. The designer of the Nebraska State Flag was married to Benjamin George Miller who was involved in the development of the phone systems for Lancaster and Saline Counties. Florence Hazen Miller became an outstanding civic leader. Among her accomplishments, mentioned by Rada, were the design of the Nebraska State Flag and the Living Christmas Tree movement. As a resident of Crete she was concerned about the state of the pond at Doane College and worked to beautify it, thus Miller Pond was named after her.

Following Judy Rada's presentation the Friends and guests stayed for refreshments and an enjoyable discussion about Wilber's history.



### NLHA Hosting Adult Spelling Bee

The Nebraska Literacy Heritage Association will host the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Adult Spelling Bee on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Brewery's, 201 North 8<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln. You can join in the fun as a spectator for \$5 at the door. Or if you'd like to enter as a contestant the fee is \$30 (tax deductible). All proceeds support the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors – a unique resource of more than 12,000 books by nearly 3,400 writers with a Nebraska connection, located at the Bennett-Martin Public Library (14<sup>th</sup> & N Streets) in Lincoln. For more information and entry forms go to: [www.foundationforlcl.org/nlha.htm](http://www.foundationforlcl.org/nlha.htm). We'll hope to see you there for fun and good food and drink.



# News and Notes

## Woman's Day Magazine Library Contest

CHICAGO – Libraries have until May 9 to promote Woman's Day magazine's newest initiative, "why the library is important to my community." The American Library Association (ALA) and Woman's Day are looking for stories that showcase the importance and value of libraries within the communities they serve.

Women ages 18 and up are invited to send in their stories in 700 words or less to [womansday@ala.org](mailto:womansday@ala.org). Up to four stories will be profiled in the March 2011 issue of the magazine or at [womansday.com](http://womansday.com).

Librarians can download free tools to help collect local stories from the Campaign for America's Libraries Web site ([www.ala.org/womansday](http://www.ala.org/womansday)). Tools include a sample press release and newsletter copy.

A downloadable Web button that can be linked to the official rules on the Woman's Day website ([www.womansday.com/](http://www.womansday.com/)

[ala](http://ala.org)) is also available.

The initiative continues a nine-year partnership between the magazine and ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries that has generated millions of dollars worth of editorial coverage for libraries. Since 2002, Woman's Day has asked its readers to write in about "how the library has changed my life," "how the library helped improve my health" and "how the library helped me deal with the tough economy."

Woman's Day magazine is a Partner in the Campaign for America's Libraries ([www.ala.org/@yourlibrary](http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary)), ALA's public awareness campaign that promotes the value of libraries and librarians. Thousands of libraries of all types – across the country and around the globe - use the Campaign's @ your library® brand. The Campaign is made possible by ALA's Library Champions, corporations and foundations that advocate the importance

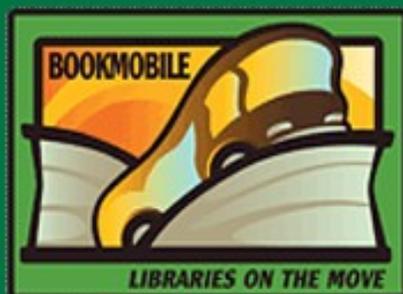
of the library in American society.

Other Partners include Carnegie Corporation of New York, Disney Book Group, Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Univision Radio and Verizon.

Megan McFarlane,  
Campaign Coordinator,  
The Campaign for  
America's Libraries



**The Next SELS  
Board Meeting will  
take place on April  
9th, at Tri-County  
Schools Library in  
DeWitt, 10:00 a.m.**



**Celebrate  
National  
Bookmobile  
Day!**

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 - [www.ala.org/bookmobiles](http://www.ala.org/bookmobiles)

# News and Notes



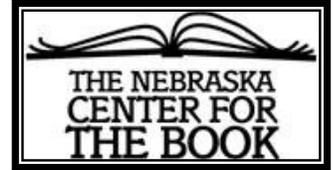
## Time to Nominate the 2010 Book Awards

The 2010 Nebraska Book Awards program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book (NCB), will recognize and honor books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or relate to Nebraska.

Books published in 2009, as indicated by the copyright date, are eligible for nomination. They must be professionally published, have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and be bound. Books may be entered in one or more of the following categories: Nonfiction, Fiction, Children/Young Adult, Cover/Design/Illustration, Anthology, and Poetry. Certificates will be awarded to the winners in each category. Award winners will be presented at the Nebraska Center for the Book's Annual Meeting and Book Awards Celebration, November 6, 2010, in downtown Lincoln.

The entry fee is \$40 per book and per category entered. **Deadline for entries is June 30, 2010.**

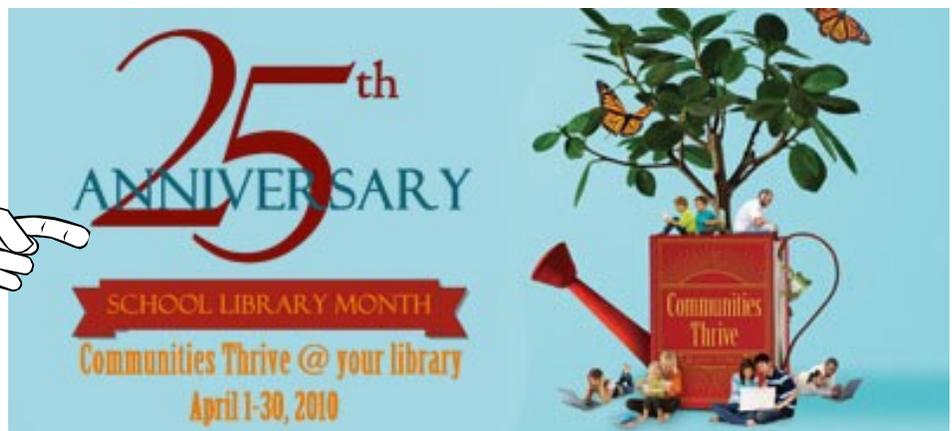
Entry forms are available from the Nebraska Library Commission website, [www.nlc.state.ne.us/publications/BookAwardsEntry2010.pdf](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/publications/BookAwardsEntry2010.pdf), or contact [Maria Medrano-Nehls](mailto:maria.medrano@nlc.state.ne.us), 402-471-2045, 800-307-2665, for print information. Enter by sending the entry form, three copies of the book, and the entry fee to NCB Book Awards Competition, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023. For more information contact [Mary Jo Ryan](mailto:maryjo.ryan@nlc.state.ne.us), at: 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665.



## Don't be Fooled!

You don't have to be a SELS Friends Member to contribute to our cookbook project. It's as easy as visiting the SELS Friends website, [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org), and following the directions. And while you are there, please consider becoming a member of the SELS Friends.

We would love to have you join us.



“Hear ye!”  
“Hear ye!”

## A 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, 2010. 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.



### Our Current SELS 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
- Scott Childers, UNL-Love Library
- Barbara Cornelius, Cochrane-Woods Library, Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Wanda Marget, Fairmont Public Library
- Kim McCain, Tri-County Schools, DeWitt
- Kent Munster, The Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln
- Adam Prochaska, Harding and Shultz Law Firm, Lincoln
- Tom Schmitz, Lincoln Regional Center Library
- Robin Sugden, Freeman Public Schools, Adams

Mail or email your nomination by April 30, 2010 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505  
[yvonneweers@windstream.net](mailto:yvonneweers@windstream.net)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Aged to Perfection 2010

A fundraiser for the SELS Friends



Join the  
**Southeast Library System Friends**

On April 29, 2010  
At the James Arthur Vineyards

**Social Hour**  
**5:00—6:00**

**Antique Check-in at 5:45**

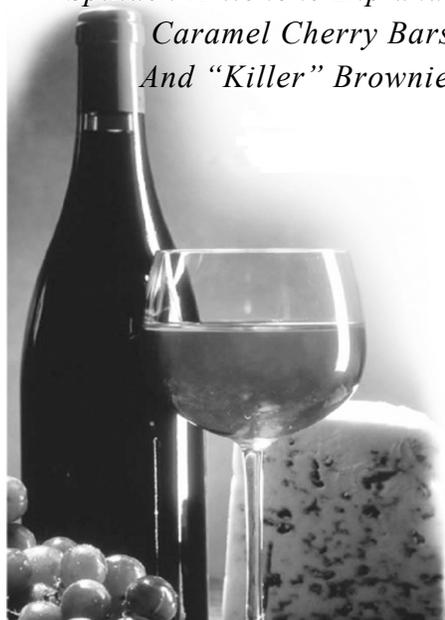
**Dinner**  
**6:00—6:30**

**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.

## *Dinner Menu*

*Chicken Caesar*  
*With sun-dried tomato on baguette*  
*Red Potato Salad*  
*Spinach Artichoke Dip and Chips*  
*Caramel Cherry Bars*  
*And “Killer” Brownies*



Your \$20 registration fee includes dinner and the appraisal of two antiques if you are a current SELS Friends member. If you are not a current 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 2011, and your wine tasting at Aged to Perfection 2010 will be free. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit [www.sels.friends.org](http://www.sels.friends.org).

To register, please fill out and return this form by April 24, 2010.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a vegetarian meal.

Please include \$20 for each person registration 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.



**Get on Board!** The 2010 Training Extravaganza is on track for May 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Lincoln Public Schools District Office. This year's event features sessions on technology, collections, and administration:

- Google vs. Bing, with Julie Pinnell, NLC.
- Social Networking: Four Square, Twitter, Facebook, etc., with Scott Childers, UNL.
- Free Databases—Mendeley, PubCat, Digital Repositories, with Scott Childers, UNL.
- Online Live Collaboration Google Talk, Chat, Dim Dim, etc., with Scott Childers, UNL.

- All Male Review— Books guys like.
- TBBS News, with Dave Oertli, NLC.
- Simple Book Repair, with Roddy Humeniak, UNL.
- Collection Development Tips, with Nancy Larimer, LPS.
- Readers Advisory, with Lisa Voss, LCL.
- Web and Copyright Issues, with Dr. Paul Royster, UNL.
- Grant Writing, with Linda Engel, Nebraska City.
- R.E.A.D.—Reading Education Assistance Dogs, with Mary Williamson and her Westie, Bella, from Healing Heart Therapy Dogs.

## Program Schedule

- 9:15 to 9:30 a.m.:** Sign in & coffee
- 9:30 to 9:45 a.m.:** Welcome
- 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.:** Session I
- 11:00 a.m. to Noon:** Session II
- Noon to 1:15 p.m.:** Lunch on your own
- 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.:** Session III
- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.:** Session IV



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**Location:** Lincoln Public Schools District Office, 5901 "O" Street, Lincoln. Call Brenda Ealey for information: 402-467-6188, or 800-288-6063, or email her at: [bsealey@windstream.net](mailto:bsealey@windstream.net).

# 2010 Training Extravaganza

**Date: May 21st**  
**Time: 9:00-3:30**

## Program Agenda



### Session I: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

- A) **Web and Copyright Issues**, with Dr. Paul Royster, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- B) **Google vs. Bing**, with Julie Pinnell of NLC. Julie will introduce us to Bing as the new up-and-coming search engine from Microsoft.
- C) **All Male Review-Books Guys Like**, a panel will review a mix of titles that they've read and tell us why they loved them.

### Session II: 11:00 a.m. to Noon

- A) **Grant Writing**, with Linda Engel, from Nebraska City will share techniques in applying for grants.
- B) **Social Networking: Four Square, Twitter, Facebook, Etc.**, with Scott Childers, from UNL. Learn new ways to communicate online.
- C) **TBBS News**, with Dave Oertli, from NLC. Talking Book & Braille Service program overview with Dave Oertli, and a chance to try out and see the new digital players.



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**Registration Deadline is May 14th, 2010**

Please send registration and payment of \$15 to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R Street, Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505, or fax to: (402)467-6196, or email: [yvonneweers@windstream.net](mailto:yvonneweers@windstream.net).

### Session III: 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.

- A) **R.E.A.D.—Reading Education Assistance Dogs**, with Mary Williamson, and her Westie, Bella, from Healing Heart Therapy Dogs.
- B) **Free Databases-Mendeley, PubCat, Digital Repositories**, with Scott Childers, from UNL. Resources to use on a shrinking budget.
- C) **Simple Book Repair**, with Roddy Humeniak from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

### Session IV: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

- A) **Collection Development Tips**, with Nancy Larimer, from Lincoln Public Schools District Office.
- B) **Online Live Collaboration Google Talk, Chat, Dim Dim, Etc.**, with Scott Childers, from UNL. Online avenues for meetings.
- C) **Readers Advisory**, with Lisa Voss, from LCL. Join Lisa for tools in finding read alike. Hear what's hot and what's coming down the track.

## Registration Form

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

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the sessions above that you wish to attend.

**NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
16TH ANNUAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2010 / 9:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.  
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE / LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER  
801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE

Funded by the Norfolk Library Foundation, the City of  
Norfolk, & SCYP

**Featuring**



**\*DEBORAH HOPKINSON\***

2011 Golden Sower Award nominee for *ABE  
LINCOLN CROSSES A CREEK*  
<http://www.deborahhopkinson.com/>



**\*HEATHER HENSON\***

2011 Golden Sower Award nominee for *THAT BOOK  
WOMAN*

<http://www.heatherhensonbooks.com/>



**\*TONY VARRATO\***

2011 Golden Sower Award nominee for *FAKIE*

<http://www.tonyvarrato.com/>

**ALSO:** 2010-2011 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Hopkinson, Henson, & Varrato; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing with Deborah Hopkinson, Heather Henson & Tony Varrato; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools.

**TICKETS: Youth (18 & under): \$5.00/advance & \$7.50/door    Adults: \$20.00/  
advance & \$25.00/door**

***!Free admission for current SCYP members!***

**Advance tickets** are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order. To order tickets by mail, **send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with full payment (make checks payable to "Norfolk Library Foundation--Literature Festival")** to:

Literature Festival  
Norfolk Public Library  
308 W. Prospect Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701

For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone (402/844-2108) or e-mail [kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us](mailto:kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us)

**A wonderful way to spend a summer day FOR LITERATURE LOVERS OF ALL AGES!**

# SPRING COLLOQUIUM

# TALENT

## and the Secret Life of Teams

with **Terry Pettit**

Terry Pettit will lead an interactive presentation on the concepts of collaborative leadership, creative problem solving, and leading with both sides of the brain, that are the major themes in his recently released, "Talent and the Secret Life of Teams."



Terry brings a unique perspective to team building and leadership training. His presentation on leadership and team building have been conducted for some of the most progressive corporations in the country. As the Director of Leadership Academies at the University of Denver and Colorado State University, Terry serves as a mentor coach to over one hundred coaches, team captains and emerging leaders. Under Terry's leadership the University of Nebraska's women's volleyball team won twenty-one Big 8 and Big 12 conference championships while leading the nation in both All American and Academic All American selections. He directed the Nebraska volleyball team to forty-three NCAA tournament victories and the school's first National Championship in women's volleyball 1995.

Terry's book *Talent and the Secret Life of Teams*, will be available for purchase.

**Date: May 13th, 2010**

**Time: 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

A Jointly Sponsored Event by:  
**Eastern Library System**



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Co-sponsored by:

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University**

**BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY**  
Real Learning for Real Life

**Schedule of Events:**

5:30-6:30 Social hour, cash bar

6:30-7:30 Dinner

7:30-8:30 Key Note Speaker, Terry Pettit

8:30-9:30 Discussion & book signing with Terry Pettit

**Cost: \$40, includes dinner**

**Location: The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th Street, Lincoln, NE  
Yankee Hill Rooms I and II**

This program is sponsored by the  
Nebraska Library Commission and  
funded in part with state funds allocated  
through the Nebraska Legislature.

Registration Deadline is May 6th, 2010

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choices (please check one):  Seafood Newburg  Champagne Pasta  Chicken Oscar

Send completed registration form & payment of \$40 to: Southeast Library System, 5370 R St, Ste C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.

**For more information contact:** Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator, (800)288-6063; [bsealey@windstream.net](mailto:bsealey@windstream.net)

# Trustee Training Board Development Deadline Approaches



April 26, 2010  
 Wahoo Public Library  
 627 N Broadway, Wahoo, NE  
 Cost: \$15.00  
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Morning Session  
 12:00—1:00 p.m. **Lunch included**  
 1:00—4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

April 29, 2010  
 North Platte Community College  
 1101 Halligan Dr #102, North Platte, NE  
 Cost \$5  
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Morning Session  
 12:00—1:00 p.m. **Lunch on your own**  
 1:00—4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

Jim has worked with the US Chamber of Commerce and served as a Trustee for the Jefferson County Public Library (CO). He received the ALA Trustee Award in 2005 for his activities and training for library boards.

Audience: Boards of Trustees and Library Directors

Workshop Goals:

- Trustees will understand their roles and responsibilities
- Trustees will understand the library director's roles and responsibilities
- Trustees will conduct effective meetings
- Trustees will become advocates for the library
- Trustees will recognize and utilize their power as an administrative board

Offered at two locations. Please note the cost difference.

Mail registration to: Meridian Library System, 3423 2nd Avenue, Suite 6, Kearney, NE 68847  
 Or Phone: 1-800-657-2192, or 308-234-2087, Email: meridian@frontiernet.net

Registration:

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

Choose One

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Wahoo Location \$15

City: \_\_\_\_\_

North Platte Location \$5

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*This program is sponsored by the Nebraska Library commission and funded in part with state funds allocated through the Nebraska Legislature.*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FORM NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT**  
**[WWW.CUNE.EDU/PLUMCREEK](http://WWW.CUNE.EDU/PLUMCREEK)**

*Sign up ASAP – sessions typically fill within 3 weeks of web posting!*

**Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival**  
**Children's Day**  
**ALL ATTEND AT NO CHARGE**

**Friday October 8, 2010**

**9:30 am – 2:00 pm**

**All sessions held at Concordia University**  
**Seward, Nebraska**

Featured authors and illustrators:

Patricia Polacco, author and illustrator  
Dan Gutman, author  
Ashley Bryan, author and illustrator  
Sarah Weeks, author  
Ralph Masiello, author and illustrator  
Alyssa Capucilli, author  
Pat Schories, author and illustrator



Sessions also will be provided by:

Concordia Pre-Service Education students  
Concordia Art Education students  
Concordia Drama /English students  
Concordia Music Professors

Other highlights:

Literacy on the Lawn activities between sessions  
Book sales & autographing (including pre-sales)  
Bartels Gem Museum  
Marxhausen Art Gallery

For more information go to: [www.cune.edu/about/2040/](http://www.cune.edu/about/2040/) or email Vikki Gremel,  
Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival Coordinator, at: [plumcreek@cune.edu](mailto:plumcreek@cune.edu)

# PLTS Spring Conference

2010

## NLA - Public Library and Trustee Section

### Come to the Annual PLTS Spring Conference!

- 9:00 – 9:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:30 – 9:45 Announcements and Introductions
- 9:45 – 10:45 Public Library Certification Guidelines  
 Introduction by Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission  
 There will time to ask questions and talk about your concerns. Guidelines may be previewed online at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/accred.html>
- 11:00 – 12:00 How to Fund and Sustain your Library Foundation  
 Representatives from the Nebraska Community Foundation will share information about strategies you can use to fund and sustain library programs and facilities. Topics will include establishing and building library endowment, engaging community members, and success stories from Nebraska communities.
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – provided at each location
- 1:00 – 2:00 Programming for Young Professionals  
 Amy Mather, OPL Technology Librarian/LJ Mover and Shaker  
 Reaching out to the group you may not realize you are missing: the undeserved young professionals
- 2:15 – 3:15 Social Networking and Libraries  
 Amy Mather, OPL Technology Librarian/LJ Mover and Shaker  
 Creative ways to market your library services through social networking
- 3:15 – 3:30 Closing Comments and Evaluations

This program is being offered at three sites around the state:  
 May 4 – Gering Public Library – 1055 P St.  
 May 5 – North Platte Public Library– 120 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
 May 7 – Falls City Library & Art Center – 1400 Stone St.

With paid registration, each attendee is invited to bring a trustee to any and all sessions at no charge. If trustee chooses to stay for lunch, please include an additional \$7.00.

Cost: NLA/PLTS members - \$20.00 for the entire day

Registration Deadline: **April 28, 2010** / No refunds after April 28

Checks should be made out to NLA/PLTS and sent to:

Terry Wingate, PLTS Secretary/Treasurer, 9117 Sahler St., Omaha, NE 68134

Questions? Contact Sarah Watson: 402.444-4810 or [swatson@omahalibrary.org](mailto:swatson@omahalibrary.org)

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

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gering  
May 4

North Platte  
May 5

Falls City  
May 7



**2010  
Heartland  
School Library  
conference**

**June  
14-15**

*W.H. Thompson Alumni Center  
University of Nebraska at Omaha*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### Cassandra Barnett

President  
American Association of School Librarians (AASL)

### Pam Berger

Publisher and Editor of *Information Searcher*  
& Author of *Internet for Active Learners (ALA Editions)*



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Questions should be directed to:

Dr. Becky Posso, UNO School Library Media Program Coordinator; 402-554-2179 or 1-800-852-8545 x2119, [posso@unomaha.edu](mailto:posso@unomaha.edu)

**Nebraska**  
Omaha

### 2010 Heartland School Library Conference

### Registration Form

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: **\$50**

Registration fee is the same for 1 or 2 day attendance.

NO on-site registration. Lunch & dinner on your own.

Checks and Purchase Orders accepted. NO cash or credit cards accepted.

Day(s) Attending:

Monday

Tuesday

Both Days

Make checks payable to: **University of Nebraska at Omaha**

Mail Registration Form & Payment by **May 1, 2010**, to:

Deanna Reilly, College of Education, 534 Kayser Hall, UNO, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68182-0163

Check if you would like more information  
about how to get graduate credit through  
attendance at our sessions and related activities.

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## April 2010 Issue

"The library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from Nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species. I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries."

— *Cosmos*  
Carl SAGAN

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