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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

May/June 2009

SOWINGS

Future Futurists

Stacey Aldrich was the speaker for the Spring Colloquium on April 13th and our guide for trekking into the future to see how it affects our roles as librarians. As she said at the start of her talk – “Every librarian should be a futurist.” Aldrich, who is currently the Deputy State Librarian for California State Library in California, had me writing things down phonetically because they were unfamiliar: *Nabaztag Bunny* (a desktop companion that utilizes WiFi technology to fetch information from the internet and convey it in various charming ways) and *Ushahidi* (An online platform that collects information from the public for use in crisis response). Other ideas were not difficult to spell, but still, at least in my brain, in the outer limits of understanding – like:

- **QR Codes** (a multi-dimensional code that can be decoded at high speed – we used a sample on the flyer for Stacey’s program, and they can be tagged for use with mobile phones that take a picture and gain information by connecting to a url, or in tracking things – and you can create your own)
- **kgb (www.kgb.com)** – a private and independent provider of directory assistance and enhanced information services. If you go to the website there’s an ongoing scroll of questions people are texting that was fascinating- at least to me as an ex-reference librarian. You can apply for a job with them and become a kgb special agent – which they describe as “dedicated to providing up-to-the-minute, accurate answers quickly, 24-hours-a-day.” Just for fun take the Special Agents Challenge – a 15 minute test to see if you’re up to the task.
- **Clickability bracelets** – Friendship bracelets that send messages and make connections online. I looked at Disney’s Clickable Friendship bracelet and discovered Tink Points that you can spend online at PixieHollow.com, and of course, when you’re not wearing the bracelet you can connect online with a USB cord.

Aldrich gave us 5 questions to ask in determining what’s happening underground:

1. How do people know things? Because of connectivity, things have changed with how people learn or find information. For libraries that means we’ll need to package and make information available accordingly. Aldrich said: “The future is already here, just unevenly distributed.” Meaning libraries again are playing the role of providing access to those that don’t have – which certainly sounds familiar.
2. How do people find and use information? With handheld computers, iPhones, Palm Pilots, BlackBerrys - more and more they’re finding it online, so libraries certainly need a online presence, as well as an awareness of the resources being used.
3. What is community? Neighborhood? Block? Whole world? Where do libraries fit between local and global? Physical space does not define community, and libraries tend to create boundaries. We need to start thinking about what communities we fit in and what communities can we help create.
4. What is learning? There are new tools and new methods, and education will have to change to get us to the next level. Education customized for the individual. Learning that can happen from many to many, not just from a single teacher. Education that’s networked to need.
5. What is entertainment and leisure? Clickability bracelets, 3D holographic baseball cards, and books that further the story online. Libraries play a role in people’s entertainment needs and wants, and therefore need to be aware of what communities are spending free time doing.

For help in tuning in to the future, the following page was provided by Aldrich of things to have on your list to read, attend, watch, play, etc.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator



Stacey's Aldrich Future Must Resources

MUST READ BOOKS

- *The Long Tail* - Chris Anderson
- *Change the way you see everything: Through Asset-Based Thinking* - Kathryn Cramer, Hank Wasiak
- *As the Future Catches You: How Genomics & Other Forces are Changing Your Life, Work, Health & Wealth* - Juan Enriquez
- *The World is Flat* - Thomas Friedman
- *Hesselbein on Leadership* - Frances Hesselbein
- *The Art of Innovation* - Tom Kelley
- *The Ten Faces of Innovation* - Tom Kelley
- *The Age of the Spiritual Machine* - Ray Kurzweil
- *The Singularity is Near* - Ray Kurzweil
- *Strategic Foresight: the Power of Standing in the Future* - Nick Marsh, et al...
- *Microtrends: The Small Forces Behind Tomorrow's Big Changes* - Mark Penn, E. Kinney Zalesne
- *A Whole New Mind* - Daniel Pink
- *The Singing and Dancing Daughters of God* - Timothy Schaffert
- *The Paradox of Choice: Why More is Less* - Barry Schwartz
- *The Art of the Longview* - Peter Schwartz

MUST READ MAGS

- ESPN
- FAST COMPANY
- FUTURIST
- GEEK
- LUCKY
- MAKE
- MENTAL FLOSS
- PASTE
- POPULAR SCIENCE
- PSYCHOLOGY TODAY
- TECHNOLOGY REVIEW
- WIRED



MUST VISIT WEBSITES

Amazing Johnathan
Association of Professional Futurists

BeatBots

Blinkx

Chris Jordan

Chris Nold

Cozi

Creative Commons

Engadget

EPIC 2014

Exploratree

FrindgeHog

Future Scanner

Gizoogle

Gizmodo

Hanson Robotics

Kurzweil AI

Nabaztag

NFL

Numenta

Ondisruption.com

Shift Video

Socialight

Trendwatching

Visual Literacy

World Future Society

Wired NextFest

Wired Science

Ze Frank

<http://www.amazingj.com>

<http://www.profuturists.org>

<http://beatbots.org>

<http://www.blinkx.com>

<http://www.chrisjordan.com>

<http://www.softhook.com>

<http://www.cozi.com>

<http://creativecommons.org/learnmore>

<http://www.engadget.com>

<http://epic.makingithappen.co.uk>

<http://www.exploratree.org.uk>

<http://www.frindgehog.com>

<http://www.memebox.com/futurescanner/year/2008/new>

<http://www.gizoogle.com>

<http://www.gizmodo.com>

http://www.hansonrobotics.com/project_pkd.php

<http://www.kurzweilai.net>

<http://www.nabaztag.com>

<http://www.nfl.com>

<http://www.numenta.com>

<http://ondisruption.com>

<http://www.glumber.com/media/shift>

<http://www.socialight.com>

<http://www.trendwatching.com>

<http://www.visual-literacy.org>

<http://www.wfs.org>

<http://www.wirednextfest.com>

<http://www.pbs.org/kcet/wiredscience>

<http://www.zefrank.com>

MUST CONFERENCES

- Annual Consumer Electronics Showcase
- WIRED NEXTFEST
- Learning 2009
- O'Reilly Emerging Technology Conference
- POPTECH!
- PUSH

We were saddened to hear of **Kris Rogge's** death on April 29th. Kris served as a member of the Southeast Library System Board, a NLC Commissioner, was on the State Advisory Council for Libraries, and was a mentor for the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute at St. Benedicts in Schuyler. She was a tremendous advocate for libraries both in the state and beyond. It was a privilege to travel with her to Washington, DC on a couple of occasions for National Library Legislative Day to visit with Nebraska elected officials on the national level. Kris was a great storyteller with a marvelous sense of humor and a tireless energy for service to small towns in Nebraska, none more so than her hometown of Johnson. We will miss Kris and extend our sympathy to her many friends and family.



For those who wish to make a contribution to the Nebraska Library Association Legacy Fund in Kris's memory, they should make their memorial contribution payable to the Nebraska Community Foundation and should include information or a notation that the contribution is for the NLA Legacy Fund. The memorials should go to Julie Hector so that she will be sure to have a record of the memorials to associate with Kris. Here's the address: Julie Hector, Treasurer, NLA, c/o Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street, Lincoln, NE 68521.

EXCALIBUR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

The Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association accepts nominations for the Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian. This award honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to his/her local library and to the library profession. The following categories suggest areas in which the nominee may have rendered significant service. Preference will be given to those nominees who have achieved excellence in more than one of these areas:

- Development of outstanding service in field(s) of expertise, e.g. reference, children's, technical, administrative.
- Involvement in statewide library service.
- Record of library leadership in local community, regional area or in the Nebraska Library Association.
- Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library.

The nominee must be a member of the Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association. Deadline for nominations is August 1.

To nominate: www.nebraskalibraries.org/PLTS/awards.html.

Mad Hatter Award 2009

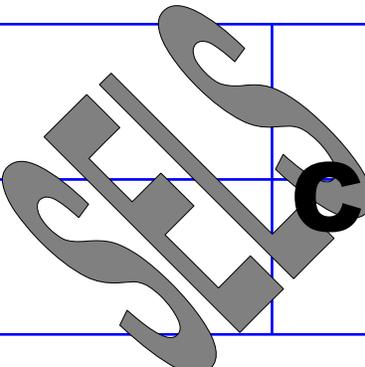
Presented by Child's World and the School, Children's and Young People's Section of NLA

PURPOSE To recognize an individual member of the Nebraska Library Profession who has made an outstanding contribution to School, Children's and Young People's librarianship and library development.

CRITERIA Individual nominated should have demonstrated achievements in the following areas:
 Imaginative interpretation of library services
 Development of innovative and creative programming for children and young adults
 Demonstration of professional contributions to regional, state, and national library organizations, publications, and/or presentations

*Nominee MUST be a member of the School, Children's and Young People's Section of NLA.

To nominate someone: www.nebraskalibraries.org/SCYP/MadHatter.html

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	www.selsne.org/calendar.html		

May

May 15th - C&U Spring Meeting – Librarians as Transformers with Sara Martin, Associate Dean for Technical Services & Library Systems, University of Detroit Mercy. The meeting will be held at University of Nebraska at Kearney. For more information go to: www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/conferences.html.

May 16th – **SELS Friends** private movie showing of Angels & Demons.

May 18th – **Bruun Memorial Library** in Humboldt will be celebrating **125 years** with an Open House from 2 to 8 p.m.

May 20th – **NCompass Live: How to Lead a book group for adults or kids!** 10 to 11 a.m. – online from your own computer. For more information contact Christa Burns at Nebraska Library Commission – cburns@nlc.state.ne.us.

May 21st – **SELS Training Extravaganza** at Concordia University in Seward. For more information on a continuing education event with lots of choices, go to: www.selsne.org and click on Training Extravaganza 2009.

May 27th – **Apollo Online Catalog Question & Answer**, 10 a.m. at Crete Public Library. Clark Charbonnet, from Biblionix, will provide information on the Apollo webhosted catalog for small public libraries. If you plan on attending, please let us know at the SELS office.

June

June 5th & 6th – **Author Kathleen Norris** will be at St. Benedicts in Schuyler – see page 19 for details, or go to www.stbenedictcenter.com.

June 10th – **NCompass Live: The New & Improved Library & Information Services Program** 10 to 11 a.m. – online from your own computer. For more information contact Christa Burns at Nebraska Library Commission – cburns@nlc.state.ne.us.

June 11th – **Ethical Dilemmas: What Should I do? With Pat Wagner**, 10:15 to 3:15, at the Bennett Martin Public Library in Lincoln – 14th & N Streets. See page 13.



June 19th – **Joint CASTL Meeting with NEMA** at Seward Memorial Library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come read and review the **Golden Sower nominees** and participate in an afternoon round robin. See page _____.

June 24th – 28th – **Plattsmouth Chautauqua**.

June 25th – **Farewell to NEBASE**, 8 to 4 at Cornhusker Marriot Hotel in Lincoln. For more information contact Jeannette Powell at Nebraska Library Commission – jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us.



June 26th – **SELS Board and Annual Meeting** in Nebraska City. See page 21.

July

July 9th – 14th – Nebraska Regional Library Systems Roadtrip to ALA Chicago.

July 17th – NLC Commissioners Meeting at Nebraska Library Commission, 9:30 a.m.
Meeting is open to the public. For more information and to attend contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at: mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.

July 20th – 24th – Nebraska Library Leadership Institute at St. Benedicts in Schuyler.
Deadline for applications is May 22nd, some scholarships available. See SELS website for details: www.selsne.org.

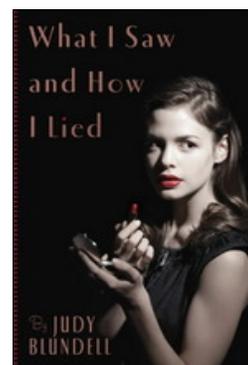


July 25th – Literature Festival in Norfolk – see page 14.

July 31st – Joint CASTL Meeting with Trustees in DeWitt.

Just in time for summer reading lists, Ian Chipman did a feature article in the May 1st *Booklist Online* (www.booklistonline.com) listing the **Top 10 Crime Fiction for Youth in 2009**. The article included the following titles:

1. *Bog Child* by Siobhan Dowd
2. *The Calder Game* by Blue Balliett
3. *The Composer is Dead* by Lemony Snicket
4. *The Crossroads* by Chris Grabenstein
5. *Masterpiece* by Elise Broach
6. *The Mystery of the Third Lucretia* by Susan Runholt
7. *Paper Towns* by John Green
8. *The Red Blazer Girls: The ring of Rocamadour* by Michael D. Beil
9. *Sammy Keyes and the Cold Hard Cash* by Wendelin Van Draanen
10. *What I Saw and How I Lied* by Judy Blundell **(SELS has a bookbag of this title!)**



The **Golden Sower Committee** is pleased to announce the 2009 award winners and honor books!

Primary Winner:

If I Built a Car by Chris Van Dusen

Primary Honor Books:

Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor, illus. by Robin Preiss Glasser
Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen, illus. by Kevin Hawkes

Intermediate Winner:

Satch and Me by Dan Gutman

Intermediate Honor Books:

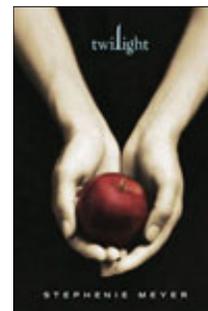
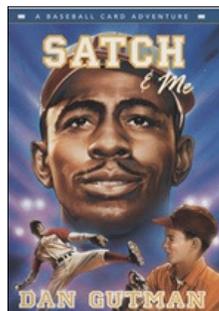
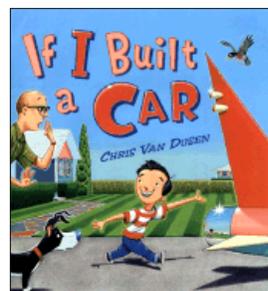
Room One: A Mystery or Two by Andrew Clements
Rules by Cynthia Lord

Young Adult Winner:

Twilight by Stephenie Meyer

Young Adult Honor Books:

Heat by Mike Lupica
Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer



Unfortunately, none of the winning authors will be able to attend the fall NLA/NEMA Conference in October. However, we plan to attempt "virtual visits" with Chris Van Dusen and Dan Gutman during the Golden Sower Award session on Friday, October 30, if all the details can be worked out.

-Kathy Schultz
Golden Sower Award Committee Chair

Boysen Art Show

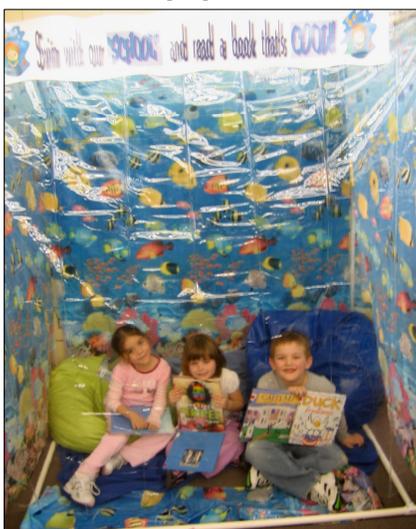


Hey guys, check it out! **Lincoln City Libraries Gere Branch's** Teen Advisory Board has been hard at work creating one of the Rain Barrels to be displayed all over Lincoln through the month of March. They will then be auctioned off on April 18th to support the scholarship fund which will allow kids to attend Adventure and Extreme Nature Camp at Pioneers Park Nature Center.

Take a look at the website, www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/watrshed/educate/barrel/artist/index.htm, and take a look for the displays at Anderson, Bennet Martin, Gere, South, Eiseley and Walt, as well as around town at various local businesses.

And think about having a rain barrel in your yard! Spring is coming - the time to go green is at hand!

-Sarah Dale-Piersol, Youth Service Librarian



A life-size fish aquarium arrived in the **Tri-County School** elementary library media center for February and March to help beat the winter time blues. Our little "fish"-the students-will be reading in the new space made from PVC pipe and shower curtains. The aquarium ties into the theme "Explore New Worlds—Research and Read." The media center has been decorated in an underwater theme for the school year. Students will take turns reading in the aquarium during library skills time and other times planned by teachers. If you feel like you need a new place to read, stop in and "swim away" in our reading area!

-Kim McCain, Media Specialist

The 8th grade **Scott Middle School** art students in Mrs. Liz Estudillo-Chaffee's classroom, set off on a journey of learning in celebration of Youth Art Month by participating in an annual Scholastic Arts Competition called Kids Are Authors. They created *The Art Show*, a children's book documenting the students' preparation for their art show the first week in April. Using **Skype**, the students were able to interview Peter H. Reynolds, an author and illustrator (*The Dot*, *Ish*, and illustrator of the Judy Moody books). Mr. Reynolds gave them a tour of his studio in Boston and visited with them about the artistic process he goes through as he's creating his books.

They began their research by touring the Sheldon Museum of Art on the University of Nebraska. They learned how artwork is hung as well as viewing artwork and learning about the artist. Students used the Scott Media Center as well as Lincoln City Libraries to write biographies on their selected artists. The internet was a method used to view artists' works in museums around the world, and took virtual tours of sites like the Louvre in Paris, the Uffizzi in Florence and the Gugenheim in Bilbao. Students used **NoodleTools** to prepare their bibliographies as a part of the research process.

Students chose artwork by their artist to recreate on canvas and then use to illustrate their book. Walt Branch Library (Lincoln) and Scott Middle School both displayed the projects, and the show was part of the First Friday Gallery Walk in Lincoln. At the Gallery Walk students were joined by the Scott Middle School Jazz Band and Trash Can Ensemble. Free will offerings and proceeds from a painting raffle will be donated to The Center for People in Need

The students also had the honor of having a guest artist come to their classroom. Peter Pinnell, a UNL Ceramic Professor, demonstrated how to use a pottery wheel and also discussed how he lived as a professional potter for 12 years. He also likened learning to use the pottery wheel to learning how to play an instrument. "You are not good at first, but keep practicing and you get better." The students are creating a colorful ceramic mosaic to celebrate diversity in Lincoln. This will be donated to The Center for People in Need.

To see pictures of these events go to the Scott Art web page at: web.me.com/chaffee/Site/Welcome.html - then scroll to the bottom of the page for a link to the project.





1,000th Patron

Kathy Kirkendall welcomed Shanna Haworth - the 1,000th new patron registered since opening the **Falls City Library & Arts Center** in January 2007. Shanna recently moved to Falls City from Virginia. Shanna received a book tote from Lydia's Gifts Beyond the Book.

-Pat Deckinger, Librarian



Residents of Lincoln were invited to “Unleash your inner rock star or realize your dream of winning the Masters Cup” at the **“Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries’ Wine & Wii Game Night and Silent Auction”** this spring at the Lincoln Country Club. And they did —more than 150 attended, raising more than \$9,000 in ticket and auction sales. People of all ages and walks of life played the most talked-about games, competing against friends and neighbors at Wii gaming booths. Gaming equipment was donated by local sponsors and turned over to the library for youth programming activities after the event. Sponsors include Kingery Construction, Whitehead Oil Company, LaMar’s, Clark Enersen Partners, Carpets Direct, and Allergy Asthma & Immunology Associates, PC. The silent auction included items such as a lunch with Ted Kooser (U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006), tickets to the Lied Center, tickets to a Cornhusker Football game and a Lincoln Stars game, autographed books, local art, vacation at an Inn in Jamaica, a Wii machine, hand-made wood furniture, and many gift certificates and unique items in all price ranges.

-Mary Jo Ryan, Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Board. Image: Photo by Keller

Would you like to be slimed?! **Thayer Central Elementary** students met their R.E.A.D. challenge and got to slime elementary principal Mr. Kurk Wiedel. Mr. Wiedel challenged the elementary students during the R.E.A.D. (thayER cEntral encourages Active reaDers) program to have 90% of the students meet their R.E.A.D. goals. Not only did they meet their goal, but 94% of the students read and met their goal. That meant that after the R.E.A.D. movie the elementary students that met their goals were able to watch Mr. Wiedel get slimed! The top readers from each class were able to pour slime on Mr. Wiedel. Mrs. Betty Meyer, library media specialist, Mrs. Linda Heitmann and Mrs. Rhonda Starbuck library aides provided the Slime.

-Betty Meyer, Media Specialist



NEWS FROM MAY 2009

Get to Know Us



"Nebraska Spring" window at Bruun Memorial Library in Humboldt. The library is also having its Quasquicentennial this year. We've started a Q-Club and challenged everyone to read 125 books this year—I'm at 40 but there are some that are over 70 already.

-Jorene Herr, Director



The Seward Memorial Library held the annual "Get Carded" promotion during National Library Week. Randomly selected people were approached by a library staff person at various locations in the community and asked to show their library card. If they were able to, they received \$5!

On April 14 the library hosted a "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" program featuring local baseball players and historians. Al Sheehan and Tony Vrana (pictured) as well as Larry Grothaus and Gene Faszholz shared stories as the audience listened and enjoyed peanuts and Cracker Jacks.



Charlotte Baldinger and Becky Reisinger gear up for the "Batter Up Story Time" event for preschoolers on April 15.

Becky Reisinger welcomes children to the "Batter Up Story Time" event.



Students from the York College Traveling Children's Theatre performed "Pinocchio" for a group of children on April 18 at the library.

-Megan Boggs, Librarian





Dennis Michalski's KISS collectibles display in the Elmer Baker Memorial Display Case at **Kilgore Memorial Library** in York is getting a lot of attention and starting some conversations. See more display photos: (www.flickr.com/photos/yorklib/), and get the full story: (<http://yorknewstimes.com/articles/2009/04/21/news/doc49ed2bf4ce815282747482.txt>). The display case contents change monthly; next up is pottery by Diane Rathje.

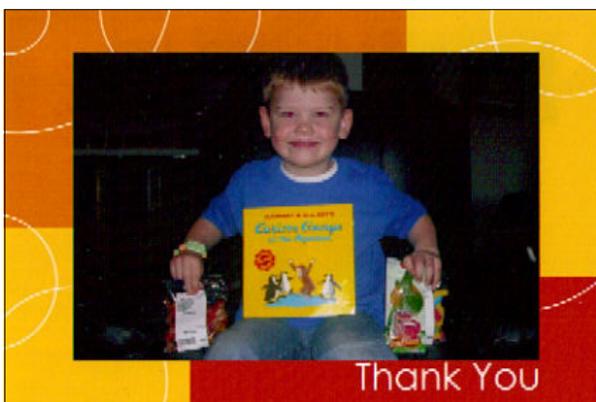
-Stan Schulz, Director



Fairbury Public Library held an Open House on Sunday, April 19, 2009, at the conclusion of National Library Week in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Carnegie building. The library, located on the northeast corner of 7th and F Streets, was built in 1909 on city property with a grant from Andrew Carnegie. Today the original library houses the children's collection. The adult collection was moved to an addition completed in 1989. The birthday themed celebration was attended by about 125 people and featured musical entertainment by library patrons and community members. Birthday cake was served and children were given a party hat while adults received souvenir handouts. Door prize winners were given bookbags with a logo commemorating the anniversary. Staff members from area libraries, SELS and NLC attended along with two former Fairbury Public Library directors. Attendees enjoyed looking at the display of birthday cards received and the library staff thanks all who sent a card. The celebration will continue all year with monthly handouts or activities following the 100 years theme.



-Karen Fox, Director



Here is the picture of **Greenwood Public Library's** recent Dessert & Book winner. On the back of his picture he had his Mom write "Thank you for the great book and the yummy candy." We have a quote from the book posted for 1 month and a person may "guess" each time they use the Library. He always told his Mom that it was "a George book and to write his name clear for him." This young man always checks out at least 1 George book each week.

-Karen Frank, Director





News and Notes

Great Interactive Software for Kids

As you think about activities for kids, the Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC) has published their list of great interactive software for kids, which includes price, recommended age level, and a brief description of the product. Choices are selected by a committee of school and public librarians. Some of the software included in the list are: *Animation-ish* (Experience & create art for all ages); *Crazy Machines 2* (Use tools to build and solve puzzles); *Giggles Baby: Nursery Rhymes* (Nursery rhymes come to life); *Pixton* (Create and publish your own comic strip); and *World of Goo* (Create and collect with "goo" balls). You can find a complete list and description on the web, using the link in the citation below:

"Great Interactive Software for Kids," American Library Association, March 29, 2007.
www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/childrensnoteable/gisk/index.cfm

Target Grants

Target is currently accepting grant applications. The on-line application process takes about 15-minutes and the grants can be used next year to bring authors to schools! Grants will be awarded from \$1,000-\$3000. Target will accept grant applications online between March 1 and May 31, 2009, for programs taking place between October 1, 2009, and September 30, 2010. See: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMPO4-031821>.

Fundraising Idea

Architecture and design firms across Puget Sound helped raise nearly \$8,000 to purchase books for at-risk children, while creating functional works of art in the Book Nooks Campaign. Page Ahead Children's Literacy Program, in Seattle, invites architects, designers and artist to create original bookcases – which are then auctioned online. You can take a peek at the fabulous creations on their website, as well as gain additional information about the designers and their inspirations. (www.pageahead.org/booknooks.htm). Thanks to Rebecca Bernthal, UNL Libraries, for sharing.

Stimulus Funds-Energy



The Nebraska Energy Office is receiving stimulus funds primarily for programs that provide energy savings to individuals, such as weatherization and energy efficiency projects. Check their website at: www.neo.ne.gov/ARRA/recoveryact.htm for information on how funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 are being spent.

You can also find information on the Official Nebraska Government website: www.recovery.nebraska.gov, and American Library Association now has an information link at: www.ala.org/knowyourstimulus titled American Recovery & Reinvestment Act 101 which does a great job of breaking down the information into understandable points. Also watch for funds for rural broadband through US Department of Commerce and US Department of Agriculture.

Newbery Medal:

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

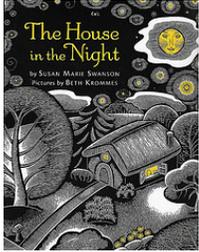
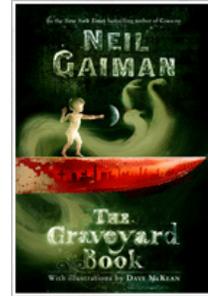
Newbery Honor books:

The Underneath by Kathi Appelt

The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom by Margarita Engle

Savvy by Ingrid Law

After Tupac & D Foster by Jacqueline Woodson



Caldecott Medal:

The House in the Night illustrated by Beth Krommes, written by Susan Marie Swanson

Caldecott Honor books:

A Couple of Boys have the Best Week Ever written and illustrated by Marla Frazee

How I Learned Geography by written and illustrated by Uri Shulevitz

A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams illustrated by Melissa Sweet, written by Jen Bryant

Geisel Award:

Are You Ready to Play Outside? written and illustrated by Mo Willems

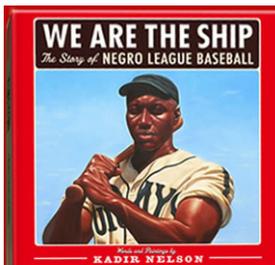
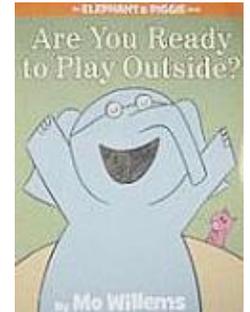
Geisel Honor Books:

Chicken Said "Cluck!" by Judyann Ackerman Grant, illustrated by Sue Truesdell

One Boy written and illustrated by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Stinky written and illustrated by Eleanor Davis

Wolfsnail: A Backyard Predator by Sarah C. Campbell, with photographs by Sarah C. Campbell and Richard P. Campbell



Sibert Medal:

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson

Sibert Honor books:

Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and Rediscovery of The Past written by James M. Deem

What to Do About Alice: How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy! written by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham

Pura Belpre Awards:

Author Award:

The Surrender Tree: poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom by Margarita Engle

Author Honor Books:

Reaching Out by Francisco Jiménez

Just in Case by Yuyi Morales

The Storyteller's Candle/La Velita de los Cuentos, written by Lucía González" illustrated by Lulu Delacre

Illustrator Award:

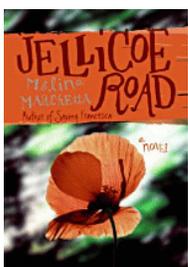
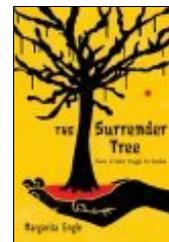
Yuyi Morales for *Just in Case*

Illustrator Honor Books:

Papá and Me by Rudy Gutierrez, written by Arthur Dorros

The Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos" illustrated by Lulu Delacre, written by Lucía González

What Can You Do with a Rebozo? illustrated by Amy Córdova, written by Carmen Tafolla



Printz Award:

Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta

Printz Honor Books:

The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume II, The Kingdom on the Waves by M.T. Anderson

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart

Nation by Terry Pratchett

Tender Morsels by Margo Lanagan

William C. Morris Award (to a previously unpublished author) new this year

A Curse Dark as Gold by Elizabeth C. Bunce

Coretta Scott King Awards:

John Steptoe New Talent Award: Shadra Strickland illus. for *Bird* (written by Zetta Elliott)

Illustrator Award to Floyd Cooper for *The Blacker the Berry* (written by Joyce Carol Thomas)

Illustrator honor books:

We Are the Ship written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson

The Moon Over Star illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, written by Dianna Hutts Aston,

Before John Was a Jazz Giant: A Song of John Coltrane illustrated by Sean Qualls, written

by Carole Boston Weatherford

Author award: Kadir Nelson for *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*

Author Honor books:

Keeping the Night Watch by Hope Anita Smith

The Blacker the Berry by Joyce Carol Thomas, illustrated by Floyd Cooper

Becoming Billie Holiday by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Floyd Cooper

Schneider Family Book Awards:

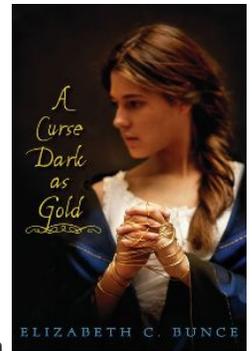
Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum written and illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker

Waiting for Normal by Leslie Conner

Jerk, California by Jonathan Friesen

Batchelder Award ("originally published in a language other than English")

Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit originally published in Japanese, written by Nahoko Uehashi and translated by Cathy Hirano



ELIZABETH C. BUNCE

Batchelder Honor Books:

Garmann's Summer written by Stian Hole, translated by Don Bartlett

Tiger Moon written by Antonia Michaelis, translated by Anthea Bell

Odyssey Award ("for excellence in audio book production")

Recorded Books for *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, written and narrated

by Sherman Alexie

Odyssey Honor Books:

Curse of the Blue Tattoo by L. A. Meyer, narrated by Katherine Kellgren

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis, narrated by Mirron Willies

I'm Dirty! by Kate & Jim McMullan, narrated by Steve Buscemi

Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale written and narrated by Carmen Agra Deedy

Nation by Terry Pratchett and narrated by Stephen Briggs

Margaret A. Edwards Award ("lifetime achievement in writing for young adults")

Laurie Halse Anderson

Laura Ingalls Wilder Award ("substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children")

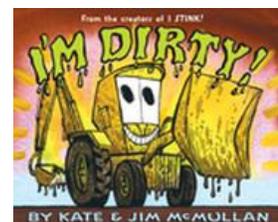
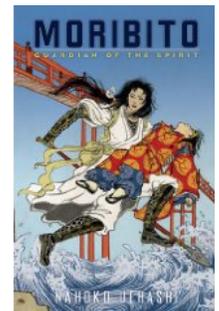
Ashley Bryan, author and illustrator

Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Award

Kathleen T. Horning (author of *From Cover to Cover: Evaluating and ...*)

Carnegie Medal (for video)

Weston Woods Studios for "March On! The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World"





Pat Wagner Ethics: What do you do?

June 11, 2009

**Bennett Martin Public Library
14th and N St., Lincoln, NE**

Library ethics are about how we make decisions and take action. It is the study of right and wrong, good and bad, morality and the law. It is more than what we feel, and it is rarely simple or easy. One of the best ways to understand library ethics is to practice with case study discussions - learning the foundations of library ethics and practice applying them to real-life issues.

Pat has been conducting workshops on ethics and decision-making for library staff and boards for 20 years, and plans to keep studying ethics for a least another 20. Pat is a frequent visitor to state and national library conferences and is known for her good-humored and practical programs.

- Should I spend more money on books for seniors or for teens?
- Is respecting the privacy of library users more important than helping the police investigate a child pornography ring?
- Is it rude or ethical to tell my best friend I won't wave her library fines?
- Do I risk making the dean angry—and losing the new library building if I refuse to reveal student borrowing records?
- If I really believe the writings of an author are unethical, is it unethical to buy his book for the collection?

10-10:15	Check-in
10:15-12:15	Pat Wagner
12:15-1:15	Lunch
1:15-3:15	Pat Wagner

4 hours of Continuing Education Credit

Deadline for registration June 5th

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Library/
School _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cost—\$15 Make check to SELS and mail to:
Southeast Library System
5730 R St., Ste. C-1
Lincoln, NE 68505

**NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 15TH ANNUAL
LITERATURE FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009 / 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:



HENRY COLE

2010 Golden Sower Award nominee for *ON MEADOWVIEW STREET*
Also author and/or illustrator of *CHICKEN BUTT—KATY DUCK—OINK?—SHIVER ME LETTERS—BIG CHICKENS
AND TANGO MAKES THREE—CLARA CATERPILLAR—NAUGHTY LITTLE MONKEYS—www.henrycole.net*



JACQUELINE DAVIES

2010 Golden Sower Award nominee for *THE LEMONADE WAR*
Also author of *THE BOY WHO DREW BIRDS—WHERE THE GROUND MEETS THE SKY—THE HOUSE TAKES A VACATION—THE
NIGHT IS SINGING—www.jacqueline Davies.net/*



CYNTHIA KADOHATA

2010 Golden Sower Award nominee for *CRACKER!: THE BEST DOG IN VIETNAM*
Also author of *WEEDFLOWER—KIRA-KIRA (winner of the 2005 Newbery Medal)—www.kira-kira.us/*

ALSO: 2009-2010 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Cole, Davies, & Kadohata; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing with Henry Cole, Jacqueline Davies & Cynthia Kadohata; 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

Twelve vision statements came out of the Future Search Conference held in July 2009. To keep the vision alive and developing, the Regional Library Systems are highlighting the visions in their newsletters with the purpose of encouraging continued discussion among librarians, library staff, boards and their communities. A vision that generated a lot of interest and discussion was that of eco-friendly "green libraries."

Vision statement to consider:

Going green starts @ your library®: the library models environmentally sustainable practices, places, and policies and shares these with the community.

It has become one of the hot topics in library literature. Libraries by virtue of their position in their community should be seen as a model for others. As Laura L. Barnes says in the *Illinois Library Association Report* of October 2008, "The good news is that the library's core services are already eco-friendly because they encourage people to borrow rather than buy materials." Libraries can demonstrate environmental awareness by doing small changes in their buildings as well as by thinking green in the design of a new or remodeled building. Other ways of going green are by having a green core collection and by encouraging people in the community to pay attention to their green footprint by reducing, reusing, repairing, and recycling.

Library Buildings

Places good place to go for information on green buildings include:

- Green Libraries (www.greenlibraries.org) which lists books and web sites for green libraries that have already been built with green sensibilities.
- Leadership in Energy and Environment Design, (LEED) at www.usgbg.org was established by the U.S. Green Building Council and provides standards for environmentally sustainable construction, evaluating projects within six categories: site development, energy efficiency, materials selection, water efficiency, indoor environmental quality, and innovation in design.

Most libraries must work with existing the buildings, but there are many smaller changes that can be made to reduce the environmental impact.

- Have an energy audit of the building to look at lighting, windows and doors, heating and cooling.
- Replace old electronic equipment with more energy efficient ones.
- Provide bike and skateboard racks.
- Replace incandescent bulbs with energy saving ones.
- Install occupancy sensors to turn off lights when room not in use.
- Use green cleaning products.
- Use reusable cups, plates, etc instead of disposable ones.
- Check out free software from GreenPrint (www.printgreener.com) to avoid printing blank pages.
- Print on both sides of the paper.

Your Collection

Business and home owners need information on how to do it. Have books, magazines, DVDs and web sites accessible in the library's collection that will encourage your customers to think green when it comes to purchasing, living, and working. *Library Journal*, February 1, 2009, has a bibliography of green resources in their Collection Development section with starred items as being essential for most collections. This is available through Library Journal Online at www.libraryjournalonline.com/article/CA6630783.html.

Community

Libraries can take the lead in the community by encouraging and educating the public on ways they can integrate green measures into their lives.

- Collaborate with local environmental groups to be a community recycling drop-off site for batteries or used electronics.
- Establish an environmental book club or books for your next One Book community program. Novels with an environmental theme could also be used.
- Plan a program for children and teens on reducing our environmental footprint by creating a craft out of discarded or junk materials. Sites such as holidays.kaboose.com/earth-day gives ideas using recycled items. A great place for ideas for older kids and teens is a VOYA article *The 6R Movement: Reduce, Reclaim, Redesign, Recycle, Renew* (October 2008).
- Advertise that the library is a green library and display library materials that relate to the environment and green technology.
- Hold a community forum to discuss steps to take to incorporate eco-friendly measures into daily lives.

Remember that "greening the library" improves not only the quality of life, but can also save money.

NLC Commissioners Update

In an effort for all of us to stay connected and informed on what's happening with issues concerning libraries in Nebraska, SELS hopes to make a regular column with information from the Commissioners for the Nebraska Library Commission Meetings. The Commission's six members are appointed by the Governor to three-year terms, and appointees generally represent one of each of the state's six Regional Library System areas. Listed below are the current Commission Members:

Jean Ahrens

Scottsbluff, NE

Term expires: June 2010

John Dale, Vice-Chair

Lincoln, NE

Term expires: June 2009

Charles Gordon

Fremont, NE

Term expires: June 2010

Patrick Gross

Wayne, NE

Term expires: June 2009

Mary Nelson, Chair

Holdrege, NE

Term expires: June, 2009

Carol Spencer

Broken Bow, NE

Term expires: June 2010

Commissioners meet every other month – typically at the Nebraska Library Commission and their meetings are open to the public. Glenda Willnerd, a media specialist for Lincoln Public Schools, and currently on the SELS Board was able to attend their March meeting. Glenda provided the following report of items included in the meeting's discussion:

Steve Fosselman of the Grand Island Public Library spoke during the open forum in support of the Nebraska Library Commission in regard to the gaming incident presented by State Auditor Mike Foley. He also pointed to a photo display that depicted Teen Tech Week at the Grand Island Library.

Each commissioner reported on events in their region.

State Auditor – Mike Foley spoke to the group. He informed the group that he has six children who love to visit the library, but questioned the following: Was it appropriate for the NLC to use state funds to purchase a Play Station 2? He recommended in his report that public funds be consistent to the NLC mission. Rod Wagner replied that employees were not using work time for the gaming that was being questioned. Foley stated that before information is placed on the web through Youtube that the mission of the agency involved scrutinize it. The question centered on – Were these appropriate uses of state funds? Foley questioned why the NLC response was 28 pages in comparison to his 11-page report and questioned why they did not put a link to their response in this report. The commissioners asked if this was a major issue and Foley's response was it wasn't anything compared to all the problems he has with the Health and Human Services Dept. Rod responded that the program was purchased for demonstration purposes and was to be used as a teaching and learning tool for librarians to use with their patrons. He also stated that NLC employees use their evening time to prepare for training sessions and that the people in the video are professionals and were using their lunch time to shoot the video. The commissioners felt the NLC's response was adequate and chose to take no further action to Mr. Foley's 11 page report.

The NLC budget hearing will be Tuesday, March 18th with the appropriations committee. Rod said that the senators would follow Gov. Heineman's recommendations. The question was raised will the auditor's report influence the NLC request for funding. Rod said he had visited with one of the senators about this and he did not feel this would have any impact on the amount of money requested for the NLC budget. He plans to emphasize the need to move to the digital talking books and the importance of this program as well as the increase for the building lease and dept. and services increases. He also said that monies are needed for the system libraries for salaries and etc. and said that perhaps LSTA funds could be used to cover increases for NLC state employees and the operations portion of the budget to cover a 2 ½ %pay increase and health insurance coverage.

Rod did report that dollars can be carried over in the bi-annum. He also predicted that the NLC would receive more dollars this year in regard to LSTA funds.

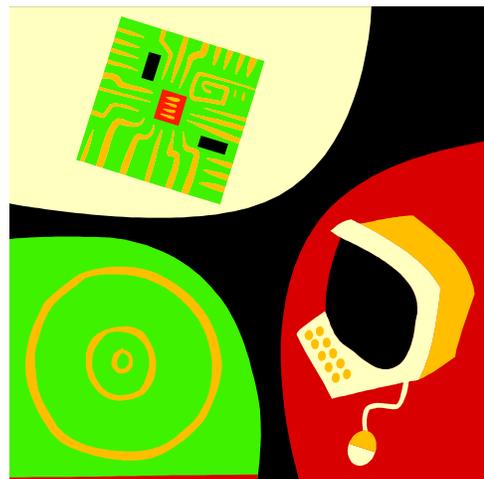
Upcoming Commissioner's meetings: May 8, July 17.

Open Source Software in Nebraska

The Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS) of the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) held Spring Meetings this year at Wahoo Public Library, Bridgeport Public Library, and the Lexington Public Library. The meeting included a program on **Nebraska's Open Source Integrated Library Systems Statewide Project**, presented by Greg Mickells, Assistant Library Director, Lincoln City Libraries.

Greg Mickells spoke about the option of open source software (OSS) for cooperative library catalogs. Open source software replaces the standard model of purchasing software and doing only what it allows you to do, with free software that allows you to change it to fit your needs. However, as it has been said, OSS is not free as in beer, but free as in kittens. There may be no up-front costs, but that doesn't mean there will be no costs in the long run. However, software customization and maintenance costs can be shared by partners using the system. This dynamic, flexible, affordable, Web-based option will be tested in Nebraska in the near future. Mickells described the pilot collaborative effort in Nebraska and the activities underway through the Nebraska Pioneer Project, including:

- A core group of seven libraries of all sizes (Omaha Public Library, Lincoln City Libraries, St. Paul Public Library, Gretna Public Library, Grand Island Public Library, Bellevue Public Library, and Holdrege Area Public Library) has been formed. This partnership will be formalized through interlocal agreements, currently underway.
- Koha (www.koha.org) has been selected as the software to use to build the system.
- The partnership wrote a \$100,000 grant and received funding through the Nebraska Library Commission's IMLS-funded Library Improvement grant process.
- The next step is a scoping study.
- The partnership expects to have a viable product available for testing by September.
- Additional Nebraska libraries will be invited to join the partnership at some time in the future.



Mary Jo Ryan
Communications Coordinator
Nebraska Library Commission
www.nlc.state.ne.us

Applications for Student Intern Grants Available May 15

The Nebraska Library Association and Nebraska Library Commission will offer grants to accredited public libraries for student internships. This joint project, **Cultivating Nebraska Librarians 2.0: Building 21st Century Skills**, is funded through a partnership of Nebraska donors and foundations. These internships for youth workers are a follow-up to last year's highly successful program, which was made possible through federal funding (that is not currently available). Internship grants introduce promising high school and college students to the varied and exciting work of Nebraska libraries. The internship functions as a recruitment tool, helping the participant view the library as a viable career opportunity.

Previous internships yielded great responses:

"The interns provided invaluable contributions to the library system this summer... In short, the interns did a full array of library work. We sincerely hope the experience was as beneficial to the interns as it was to Lincoln City Libraries and its customers."

—*Internship supervisor, letter dated September 4, 2008*

"I would love to be able to have a job that benefits the community. Libraries are so necessary to the community and I would love to be a part of that!"—*2008 intern*

"Not just regular checking-in-and-out routine. There's a lot going on in Outreach Department; going to county sites, cultural centers, and many other programs."—*2008 intern*

"I now possess a new understanding of how challenging working in the library can be. Additionally, the work I have performed for this internship has inspired me to attend graduate school to earn a master's degree so that I may pursue a more advanced career in the library."

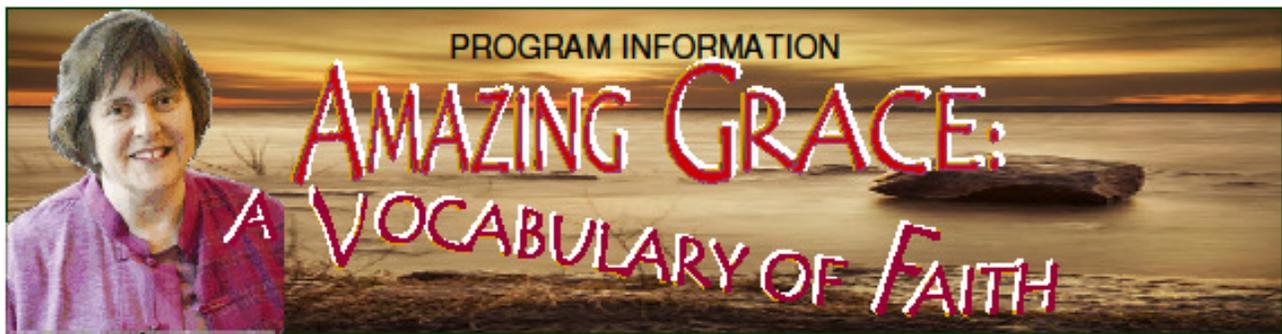
—*2008 college-age intern*

"I knew that librarians did many of the things I originally thought, but I have learned how much work is involved in this and how busy you can be. Our librarians do so much for our community and take on many activities and programs."—*2008 high school intern*

"He (the intern) wanted to spend more time with the computers than patrons, but seemed to enjoy meeting people as he became more comfortable with his duties. He learned to prepare materials for check-out, to shelve, to work with patrons, including those attending after-school programs...I am excited about this program. I think it is a great way to get students interested in library work as a profession."—*2008 intern supervisor*

Each internship grant provides a stipend of up to \$1,000 for a student to work approximately 100 hours with library staff on a variety of projects and activities. Student interns provide valuable assistance with library service activities and local library programming. Library staff help introduce high school or college students to the joys of library service careers. Grant criteria and processes are currently under development.

Application forms will be available beginning May 15. For more information, see www.NowHiringAtYourLibrary.org or www.nebraskalibraries.org, or contact [Mary Jo Ryan](#), Nebraska Library Commission Communications Coordinator, 402-471-3434 or 402-471-2665.



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JUNE 5 – 6, 2009

The spiritual world is rooted in the chaos and the beauty of daily life. In her presentations during the retreat, Kathleen Norris will shed light on difficult theological concepts such as grace, repentance, dogma, and faith by telling stories about them and so grounding them in the world in which we live.

Kathleen Norris, a Benedictine Oblate of Assumption Abbey in Richardton, North Dakota, is the award-winning poet, writer, and author of *The New York Times* bestsellers, *The Cloister Walk*; *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*; *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*; and *The Virgin of Bennington*. Exploring the spiritual life, her work is at once intimate and historical, rich in poetry and meditations, brimming with exasperation and reverence, deeply grounded in both nature and spirit, sometimes funny, often provocative, and always important. Her latest book is a theological memoir titled, *Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks and a Writer's Life* (Riverhead 2008).

Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Saturday 4:00 p.m. Program Fee: \$ 60 - Early reservations appreciated
 Friday only: \$ 20 Saturday only: \$ 40
 Early bird rate for Fri-Sat (register before April 30): \$ 55

Room per night: Single Occupancy: \$39.00 plus tax
 Double Occupancy: \$32.00 plus tax
 Meals: Brkfst - \$5.50 plus tax, Lunch - \$8.75 plus tax, Supper - \$8.50 plus tax

If you would like to register for this retreat, please fill out the registration form below and send it with your \$25.00 non-refundable deposit to: Saint Benedict Center, P.O. Box 528, Schuyler, NE 68661-0528, Phone: 402-352-8819, Fax: 402-352-8884

website: www.StBenedictCenter.com email: Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com

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Your non-refundable deposit will hold your reservation. You can make your reservation over the phone and also apply your deposit to your Visa/MasterCard.



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Year of CHIRS

A free newsletter about Nebraska's Consumer Health Information Resource Service

Good Links—

- CHIRS—your one-stop consumer health information service in Nebraska
<http://www.unmc.edu/library/consumer>
- Go Local Nebraska—best source for local support groups & health facilities
<http://medlineplus.gov/nebraska>
- MedlinePlus—National Library of Medicine's consumer health information site
<http://medlineplus.gov>
- Request free CHIRS posters and brochures
<http://www.unmc.edu/library/consumer>

Influenza A [H1N1] Flu Information Resources

Note: The World Health Organization has said that they would refer to the 'swine flu' as Influenza A [H1N1].

Nebraska Dept of Health & Human Services <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/H1N1Flu/>

MedlinePlus <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/swineflu.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/?s_cid=swineFlu_outbreak_001

U.S. Government <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/en/>

It is easy to look for healthcare facilities in your community—use Go Local Nebraska

<http://medlineplus.gov/nebraska>

May 2009 Health Observances

- Better Sleep Month
- Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month
- Clean Air Month
- Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection & Prevention Month

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/nho.asp?year=2009#m5>

New CHIRS Book List <i>-Request these titles at no charge through OCLC</i> *****	HEALTHY HEART / MARTIN S. LIPSKY [ET AL.]. J. Wiley, c2008.	HOLLAND BUCK. Llewellyn Publications, c2007.	Nashville, TN : Vanderbilt University Press, c2006.
GUIDE TO PREVENTING AND TREATING HEART DISEASE : ESSENTIAL INFORMATION YOU AND YOUR FAMILY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HAVING A	HOSPITAL STAY HANDBOOK : A GUIDE TO BECOMING A PATIENT ADVOCATE FOR YOUR LOVED ONES / JARI	HOW DOCTORS THINK / JEROME GROOPMAN. Houghton Mifflin, 2008.	MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS : A GUIDE FOR THE NEWLY DIAGNOSED / NANCY J. HOLLAND, T. Demos Medical Pub., c2007
		HOW TO PREVENT YOUR STROKE / J. DAVID SPENCE.	

McGoogan Library of Medicine
986705 Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, NE 68198-6705

<http://www.unmc.edu/library/consumer>
Phone: 402-559-6221 /// 1-866-800-5209
email: askus@unmc.edu





June 19th, 2009

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Seward Memorial Library

233 S. 5th St., Seward

9 a.m.-12 p.m.: The Golden Sower K-3 “big list” – Check out the big list of books which will be winnowed down to the top ten. Which ones will be worthy? This is a chance to explore books you haven’t seen, provide ordering ideas, and be a Golden Sower voter.

1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Round robin.

We would like you to register so we know how many to set-up for. Registration deadline is **Monday, June 2, 2008**. No charge for attending. Lunch is on your own.



Name: _____

School/Library: _____

E-Mail: _____

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

Or email: jennip@windstream.net and pay at the door.



June 26, 2009

Nebraska City

\$15 fee

9:30– Board Meeting

Noon– Lunch

1:30-3:30– Relax, see the sites, smell the apples

Please let us know if you’re attending:

jennip@windstream.net or 467-6188

**Southeast Library System Board Meeting
February 20, 2009
Greenwood, Nebraska**

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE – Lincoln Libraries); Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office)

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Laura Johnson (Nebraska Library Commission)

Board Members Absent: Scott Childers (University of Nebraska – Lincoln Libraries); Misty Prochaska (Kaplan University, Lincoln)

Agenda

I. What's New Around the System: Karen Frank reported that the Greenwood Public Library now has a new roof. Wanda Marget reported working with WiFi and the statistics report. Ruth Carlock report that York College has a new President and that they had a book sale. Barbara Hegr from Nebraska City indicated they have a new library web page, that they have hired an IT person and that they are weeding their children's collection. Kim McCain indicated her library had lost its web page, but it has been partially restored. A student was caught illegally pirating files. Jan Thomsen reported that they continue to have significant problems with Follett and have decided to move to Apollo after having been down three weeks and losing two years of data. Rebecca Bernthal reported that the University Libraries is doing another review of its journals from Elsevier to cut additional titles to try and contain the continuing rise in journal expenditures. The UNL budget is of concern to all departments on campus. Kent Munster reported that Clark Enersen is finishing up a couple of major library building projects, one in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and another in Johnson County, Kansas at the Leawood Pioneer Branch Library. Arapahoe, Nebraska Public Library is in the planning stages of an expansion. Tom Schmitz noted that the Lincoln Regional Center is planning a wellness day with sixty vendors, one of which will be the library. Tom is also offering a service to staff of copying journal contents and routing them to staff as an alert service. NAIL, the Nebraska Association of Institutional Librarians, is helping with the Glennor Shirley Workshop in April. Glenda Willnerd indicated that the LPS district will soon be evaluating new library software, with four vendors coming in during March. Read Across America Day is March 2. Jack Gladstone will be at the Eiseley Branch on March 3. Brandon Sanderson will be at LPS on April 30 and May 1. Rosemary Wells will be at the North Star Auditorium on May 7. Eight of the school libraries will be moved this spring. There will be librarians retiring from LPS again this year. Becky Baker indicated that spring programs are underway in Seward. Basic computer classes are being offered on a regular basis and are always still full with 16 stations for 10 weeks at one and a half hour sessions. Jenni Puchalla reported that the Nebraska Legislative Day went well with 35 senators and aids attending the noon and that 103 library volunteers were recognized. Brian Mikkelsen, NSEA Lobbyist, talked in the afternoon.

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes for December 11, 2008 was made by Ruth Carlock and seconded by Barbara Hegr. Motion carried.

III. Financial Report: Jenni made comments about the financial and transaction reports and answered questions from board members. There was discussion on *Sparks* and the free PDF option. Comments were made that the routed copy is useful since it provides an incentive to read the material and forward it. Becky Baker suggested that perhaps there could be a minimal fee, such as \$10.00, for participating in receiving the rotating collection. Such a fee could support the cost of the subscriptions make the periodical collection "self-supporting". Discussion followed on whether SELS ever has offered scholarships to various workshops, conferences, etc. since it is a line item in the budget. Those who have been associated with SELS for several years could not recall any formal scholarship program nor is it addressed in the SELS Handbook. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Karen Frank. Motion carried.

III. A. Lease Agreement: The SELS lease agreement for its current office space is up for renewal. The current rent is \$450.00 per month, but will increase to \$460 July 1, 2010. A motion to approve the lease agreement was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Barbara Hegr. Motion carried.

IV. Action from January 9th Planning Meeting: There was discussion about the NLC blog that recently had comments on the book - Guinness Book of World Records at a library and what action(s) others suggested taking, and advised to take regarding "objectionable" material. Question was also raised about legality of Library Bill of Rights. SELS board members and staff expressed concern about how this matter was handled and their disappointment that NLC didn't take more of a leadership and educational role in addressing questions raised or sharing blog policy. How to voice our concerns was discussed and a need to find information on blog policy encouraged.

V. Administrator's Report: Brenda highlighted several of her activities from December 11, 2008 to February 20, 2009 as outlined in her written report. CASTL met on Dec 11 in York in conjunction with the December SELS Board Meeting. Met with Correctional Librarians in Omaha on Dec 30. Had the final class for the Public Library Administration Basic Skills Course with Becky Baker on Dec 17. Attended the NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Librarians) meeting at the Nebraska State

Capitol Law Library on Jan 15. Presented a workshop with Richard Miller (NLC) on Form 471 for filing for e-rate discounts. Met with Becky Baker on migrating Basic Skills course to online modules. Traveled Jan 23 to Syracuse to help public library automate with the Apollo software as part of the SELS group purchase. On Jan 26 went to Friend to help with submitting Bibliostat Collect online statistics report. Jan 29, CASTL meeting was held in Plattsmouth. Traveled to Milford to give some assistance and input to the new director, George Matzen. Attended the Theresa Jaye Dickson Workshop on Feb 4 in Beatrice. Responded to various contacts on variety of topics including: ALA Code of Ethics and Freedom to Read, Bibliostat, questions on filing for e-rate discount, Overdrive, Finance Policy requirements for accreditation, wireless security question, CASTL online, and granting CE credits for viewing DuPage recorded programs. Planning with co-sponsors (UNO & Nebraska Department of Corrections) for the upcoming Glennor

Shirley Workshops. Developed materials to support Conversation on Future Search Vision Statements with each system taking turns to put out an article bi-monthly. Planning for the upcoming SELS Training Extravaganza to be held at Concordia University in May. Planning for the Spring Colloquium with ELS, with support from UNO, UNL, Creighton and Bellevue Universities. On Jan 6 met with the Nebraska Regional Library System Administrators in Lincoln. On Jan 7 attended the NLC/Systems Quarterly Meeting in Lincoln. Met with Becky Baker and Laura Johnson to discuss SELS Basic Skills migration to modules pilot. Met with John Seyfarth and Adam Prochaska to talk about the Public Library Trustee Friend Section (PLTFS) Spring Meetings. Met on Feb 2, with Becky Baker, Lisa Olivigni, Pam Bohmfalk and Sally Gibson to work on the NLA Conference Manual. Met with Future Search Taskforce on Feb 6 via computer. Met with Scott Childers and Kathy Tooker on Final Report (abridged) for the Future Search Conference. Visited with Tom Simons from the Omaha Children's Museum about an application for a Big Read Grant in 2010. On Dec 15, Brenda attended Ted Smith's farewell party in Norfolk. Jan 17 attended ACLU board meeting in Omaha. She also participated in NLA Legislative Day on Feb 10. A Library Improvement Grant was submitted to NLC for funding of a new SELS van. Brenda participated in SELS Plan Meeting on Jan 9 with board members.

VI. SELS Friends Report: Becky Baker distributed printed copies of the SELS Friends Report. There are several upcoming events including: Aged to Perfection 2009 on April 23, Private Movie Showings on May 16 ("Angels and Demons") and July 18 ("Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"), and a Barnes & Noble Book Fair on June 13. Becky noted that the most successful fundraiser last year was the Barnes & Noble event. The SELS Friends current balance is over \$5,300.

VII. NLC Report: Laura Johnson distributed a written NLC Report. Nebraska Learn 2.0 had 165 participants, 82 of which completed all 23 things during the 16-week period. A Lantern in Her Hand is the next One Book-One Nebraska title. Systems offices and NLC have multiple copies available for loan. Central Community College will be assuming responsibility for centralizing the current LTA program. The program will offer two options: a certificate for completing library science courses and an Associate Degree to those who complete additional course work. For more information contact: CCC, Mary Young, Admissions Director. The Green Glass Sea is the next One Book for Nebraska Kids title. NLC and Systems offices have book bags available for loan. For more information contact: Sally Snyder at NLC. A total of \$40,000.00 in grants were awarded for "Youth Grants for Excellence" to 27 libraries. NLC received 29 applications for "Library Improvement Grants." There is approximately \$181,500 available for distribution while the requests totaled \$343,500. Decisions on the awarding of grants will be made by March 20, 2009. NCompass Live debuted on Jan 7, 2009. There will be a presentation each Wednesday from 10:00 – 11:00 am. For more information contact: Christa Burns or Jeannette Powell at NLC. The last print issue of "What's Up Doc?" will be the Nov/Dec 2008 issue. It will continue to be available via the web. The Gates Foundation "Online Opportunity Hardware Grants" will be announced in March. Nebraska had 96 libraries complete the computer inventory required for the grant process. For additional information contact: Christa Burns at NLC. The NLC has updated a selected list of videos available. The Nebraska State Historical Society is undergoing a two year renovation. The Reference Room will be closed during this time and research materials will be unavailable for extended periods. Check the NSHS website for updates. The Nebraska Center for the Book has selected the 2008 honor books.

VIII. 2008/2009 Committee Meetings: Committees met in their respective groups for approximately thirty minutes and then reported:

CE Committee Report: Becky Baker, Karen Frank, Glenda Willnerd, Kim McCain, Misty Prochaska, Jan Thomsen. Discussed plans for the upcoming Extravaganza on May 21 to be held at Concordia University. Ideas included: Sessions on: Speed Book Reviews, Fund Raising, Successors Planning, Interlibrary Loan, Google Tools, Online Tools, Delicious (Basic Skills), PowerPoint, Spreadsheet Excel, Green Buildings, Gangs, Personnel, Newsletters.

Network Committee: Rebecca Bernthal, Ruth Carlock, Barbara Hegr, Wanda Marget, Kent Munster, Tom Schmitz. Discussed reaching out to public libraries not involved in SELS activities. Ideas included: "Dollars for Data" for help with Bibliostat, personal invitations to upcoming CASTL meetings, and potential SELS Board Members.

Executive Committee (ByLaws & Policies): Glenda Willnerd, Schott Childers, Karen Frank.
No Report.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm

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