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Okay, I'm a Trustee. Now what?

Jim Connor was the presenter at the Trustee Training in Wahoo, on April 26, 2010. His presentation style reminded me of a minister exhorting his congregation to action—and I say that with the utmost respect for the passion he conveys for libraries. I am grateful that he's on our team. Below is a sampling of the expectations he outlined for library trustees:

- Know your library mission statement. Be able to recite it when asked. It tells you what the purpose and value of the library is in your community, as well as what your prime objective should be, and how you will measure success.
- When you become a trustee, meet with the library director and board chair to get an understanding of the library history and role. (This is not a substitution for an orientation.) What is the library's history of success and challenges along the way? Examine the budget sources and limitations.
- Read the board member job description. Does it spell out duties, expectations and limitations? It should encourage being a team player, participation in deliberations and decisions of the board, advocacy within the community and observance of policy and library law.
- Study the policy and procedures manual for the library and how they respond or reflect the standards of your community.
- Review the strategic plan and ask, ask, ask. The plan needs to be reviewed annually. Take a section at each board meeting. If it needs changing, conduct a study session outside the board meeting.
- Continue learning. Attend conferences and workshops. Network with peers. Read library publications. Invite consultants when needed, and then lead, follow or get out of the way. Trustees average less than 6 hours training per year.
- The board should attend the funding authority meeting with the board chair presenting the library budget, rather than the library director. The library director is perceived as a hired hand, whereas the trustee is seen as a representative of the community. End by expressing appreciation for support and help in the past and convey expectations for continued support in the future.
- Trustees govern and advocate while the library director manages the library.
- A primary role of the library must be to protect intellectual freedom.
- There are 3 things that lead to the death of a community: apathy, school closing and the library closing.
- Get involved with your community. Let them get involved with the library through activities and outreach. Ask customers if they could improve one thing in their library what would it be?
- Elected officials are impressed by numbers – so know the average number that visit the library every day. It will demonstrate that more people come into the library than vote for a particular candidate. Visits represent votes for a library presence in the community.

If you'd like more information on board roles, or need assistance with board job descriptions, board evaluations or other aspects of being a library trustee, let us know. We've got some great resources in the office including Wyoming State Library's DVD, *Trustee Trouble*, which details 11 different aspects of serving on a library board in 10-minute segments that you could include as a part of a library board meeting and discussion. You can also find it online at: www.wyominglibraries.org/trusteetrouble.html. Jim Connor is featured in the segment on the DVD covering board evaluation.

~ Brenda Ealey, Administrator



Calendar

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May-July 2010

- 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 7th** – 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). Contact Sarah Watson for more information, at: swatson@omaha.library.org.
- 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 his book for sale, *Talent and the Secret Life of Teams*. Visit [page 15](#) for a registration form and more information.
- May 14th** – NLA College & University Section Spring Meeting at the Criss Library, University of Nebraska Omaha campus – The Library of 2morr.0. Find more information at: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/>.
- May 15th** – Customer Service workshop at Plattsmouth Public Library from 9 a.m. to 11:30. The presenter is Cec Farnsworth of Trainco Associates. Registration fee is only \$5. See [page 17](#) for details.
- May 21st** - Don't miss Southeast Library System's *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. We have great programs lined up this year. Visit our flyers on [pages 12 & 13](#) for a registration form and more information about this year's event.
- May 21st** – Nebraska Library Commissioners meeting from 9:30 to 12 at Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street. The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at (402)471-2045 or (800)307-2665 or at: maria.medrano-nehls@nebraska.gov.
- May 22nd** – Art Thingy at the Kilgore Memorial Library, in York, from 10 a.m. to 2. The event includes an art fair with artists displaying their art, and a chance to try out their medium with an interactive portion and demonstration. An additional component is the opportunity to be a part of an event art project that attendees help create. This is a free event. Find more on [page 8](#).
- June 3rd – 5th** – Willa Cather Spring Conference in Red Cloud – Food, Drink & Willa Cather's Writing – <http://cather.unl.edu/community.cfp.springconf2010.html>.

- June 9th** – Southeast Library System Annual Board Meeting, York College. See [page 19](#) for details.
- June 12th** - SELS Friends Book Fair at SouthPointe Barnes & Noble, in Lincoln ([click here](#) for Google map). More information see [page 18](#).
- 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.
- June 18th** – CASTL meeting at Seward Memorial Library. This is a great time for public and school librarians to look at the books on the Golden Sower Big List for K through 3rd, eighty-some titles. It will give you a chance to vote for your favorite top 10, and consider purchasing them for your library collection. We will also have speed reviews of titles on the Intermediate List during the afternoon. Visit [page 4](#) for more details. Finally, please bring a favorite recipes to contribute to the SELS Friends Cookbook project. We would love to see every library community in southeast Nebraska represented. See [page 9](#) to learn how to contribute.
- July 6th** – Nebraska Library Leadership Institute Reunion with Jamie LaRue at St. Benedict in Schuyler. See [page 10](#) for more details.
- July 9th** - Nebraska Library Commissioners meeting from 9:30 to 12, at Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street. The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at (402)471-2045 or (800)307-2665 or at: maria.medrano-nehls@nebraska.gov.
- July 23rd** – CASTL Meeting at Auburn Memorial Library. Please bring library board members or trustees as well as a copy of your library budget – which will be the topic for this meeting. You are also encouraged to read one of the titles on the RUSA Reading List in the Fantasy category (www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/readinglist/index.cfm). The winner in this category was *Lamentation* by Ken Scholes. Feel free to also choose from the Read-a-Likes or Short List: *Game of Thrones* by George R.R. Martin; *Wizards First Rule* by Terry Goodkind; *Acacia*. *Book One*, *The War With the Mein* by David Anthony Durham; *Red Wolf Conspiracy* by Robert V.S. Redick; *Turn Coat* by Jim Butcher; *Warbreaker* by Brandon Sanderson; or *The Warded Man* by Peter V. Brett. Of course we'll conclude the day with a round robin and a chance to share ideas, questions and current happenings. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. and we'll aim to wrap things up by 3:30.
- July 31st** – 16th Annual Norfolk Public Library Literature Festival at Northeast Community College, featuring three fabulous authors; 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 (*Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek*), Heather Henson (*That Book Woman*) & Tony Varrato (*Fakie*). Contact Karen Drevo (402-844-2108) at Norfolk Public Library for more information or to register. See [page 14](#).



CASTL

Conversation Among Small Town Librarians

Golden Sower Reading Day, June 18th!

“And the Golden Sower Award Nominees are . . .”

Throw your hat into the ring! Join the CASTL Meeting
to vote for your favorite Golden Sower Nominees.

Join Southeast Library System, and your fellow
CASTL members, for Golden Sower Reading Day!

Time: 10:00 a.m. Date: June 18, 2010

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 grades. 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, for the SELS Friends Cookbook project. We would love to see every library community in southeast Nebraska represented. See you there!

[Sign Up Now](#)

[Click here](#) to see
the 2010 Golden
Sower Nominees!

Call: **800-288-6063**

Or email Brenda Ealey at:
bsealey@windstream.net



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Join your fellow small
town librarians at one,
or all, of these future
CASTL meetings:

- June 18th-Seward Memorial Library
- July 23rd-Auburn Memorial Library
- Aug. 19th-Deshler Public Library
- Sept. 24th-Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora
- Nov. 4th-Syracuse Public Library
- Dec. 10th-Webermeier Memorial Library, Milford

Seward Memorial Library is located at:

233 S 5th Street
Seward, NE 68434
(402) 643-3318
[\(click here for Google Map\)](#)





Accreditation Guidelines Discussed at April CASTL

We had a great CASTL meeting at Fairbury Public Library on April 15th – with 18 attending. A major effort of this group, that included both library staff and library trustees, was to come up with some possible solutions to problems that have been listed during the review of the Nebraska Public Library Accreditation Guidelines. Below are some of the solutions suggested:

- Guidelines #7 (Essential), #8 (Enhanced) and #5 in Excellent require local government revenue at a level of 65% (Essential), 85% (Enhanced) and 105% (Excellent) of the library budget, using either the average local revenue or the average local per capita... It includes tables for legal service area, local revenue per capita and total local revenue. This can be one of the more difficult guidelines to achieve, and if a community population increases enough to put it into the next defined legal service area – it can be punitive – for example, a community of 501 would jump to the second level. **A solution could be to devise a formula where libraries plug in the numbers for their population with the suggested revenue per capita amount for a total amount of suggested revenue. Also, rather than making Lincoln City Libraries and Omaha Public Library their own universe – which sounds silly – use similar service areas, whether regional or national, to come up with a suggested per capita and total revenue amount.**
- Guideline #12 (Enhanced) asks the library to offer a variety of programs and services, there is also Guideline #22 (Enhanced) that talks about targeting special groups for programs and service, and also in #15 (Enhanced) that asks for a staff person designated to serve children and youth. **All 3 basically get at the same thing – to provide a variety of programs and services for all members of community – which is what #12 says so a suggested solution is to get rid of 15 and 22.** Additionally a reminder that for many libraries – staff play multiple roles in serving the public and frequently not to just one segment of the community, such as dedicating a person to serve youth. **All staff in a library should serve youth and other segments, populations, groups of the library – to meet the needs of the community as a whole.** A suggestion would be **rather than specify youth, perhaps target an audience based on the library plan** so staff could be assigned to work with ESL, elderly, youth, etc. expecting the library plan would address needs of the community population and specific groups needing library services.
- Guideline #5 (Essential) requires periodic review of policies and procedures and a list of policies to include within that document. One of the policies listed is Finance, which is often covered elsewhere within a libraries policies –**please don't require creation of a policy just to fulfill completion of a checklist. A solution might be a checklist of topics that need to be covered in policy for librarians to check off if covered. Also, rather than periodic review put a time period such as at least every 3 years coinciding with the accreditation cycle.** Policies required are listed differently for each of the 3 levels, and **if a policy is important for one it should be important for all. Since the essential level must be met for the upper levels, it is suggested that all policies should be listed in the essential level and no other policy things mentioned in the guidelines. And if a library didn't have meeting room or public computers or whatever that might exempt them from having a particular policy, they could just write n/a in the checklist instead of Yes or No.**

A complete list of solutions suggested at the CASTL meeting will be shared with NLC to consider as a part of the Accreditation Guideline review.

Accreditation of public libraries is a cyclical process, with approximately one-third of all libraries scheduled to apply for re-accreditation each year. Libraries currently accredited fall into one of 3 levels: Essential, Enhanced and Excellent. You can see a list of public libraries in Nebraska and their current accreditation level at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/accreditation/accred_dates.asp.

As a reminder, Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) is currently reviewing the Accreditation Guidelines, **meaning now is the opportunity to provide input, questions, and suggestions.** and you all have an opportunity to provide input **NLC will accept comments** through October 31st, 2010. The revised guidelines will be put in place by July 15, 2011. You can find more details – plus leave comments at this link: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/accreditation/guidelinescomment2011.asp.

Brenda Ealey, Administrator
Southeast Library System

**NEWS
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Weeping Water Welcomes New Director

My name is Aimee Morlan and I am the new Director at the Weeping Water Public Library. I started working for Jan Aronson, the former director, in February 2009 as an assistant, and quickly learned that I really enjoyed this

job. I was able to learn a lot from Jan during the last year and when she decided to retire, I knew that this was the job for me. So far, I have been able to attend a couple of CASTL meetings and the Summer Reading Program Workshop.

My husband, Kevin, and I have 5 children and have lived in Weeping Water for 13 years.

Submitted by,
Aimee Morlan, Director
Weeping Water Public
Library

Aged to Perfection at James Arthur

A good time was had by all at the annual Southeast Library System's Friends, Aged to Perfection, at James Arthur Vineyards. Guests began the evening tasting award-winning wines from James Arthur and mingled before enjoying an excellent spread of cheeses, fruits, salads, desserts, as well as an exceptional



The goodies for auction!

lively auction by Tom Bassett of Lincoln, along with our own Tom Schmitz as comic relief. All in all, an enjoyable evening by the SELS Friends. We thank you for supporting the Southeast Library System.

spinach-artichoke dip. After being well plied with food and frivolity, the group got down to business with a

Submitted by,
Yvonne Weers,
SELS Friend



The Tom and Tom show at James Arthur



A good time was had by all!



Mother's Day Tea

**Come join us for a
Mother's Day Tea
on Saturday, May 8
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
in the Kimmel Gallery
at the Morton-James
Public Library.**

**Plan to wear your favorite
hat and view the
vintage hat display.
Bring your grandmother,
mother, sister, daughter,
granddaughter and enjoy!**



Crete Celebrates Outreach

by Carol Aden

Crete Public Library hosted our annual Outreach Brunch on Friday, April 16. This brunch is an annual event and it is always held in April during which Crete celebrates libraries all month long.

The event highlights the outreach service at Crete Public Library. We delivered library material to 2,139 patrons last year. Weekly outreach programs are held at Tabitha, Crete Manor, and Garden Square. We also deliver library resources to Centennial Terrace, Goldenrod Village and the homebound.

Outreach patrons, city officials, library board members and Friends of the library are invited to our annual brunch. The area nursing homes bring residents that participate in our weekly outreach programs at the various locations. Many participants tell us this event is the highlight of their year. The entire staff gets



into the act, cooking the breakfast casseroles, making fruit cups, putting together centerpieces, setting the tables and serving the meal. Our theme this year was taken from the book *Three Cups of Tea* by

Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. This was the book selected for our first ever community-wide reading event, Crete Reads. We decorated with this in mind. Those in attendance enjoyed a presentation by Nebraska Humanities Speaker Dr. John Calvert, an associate professor at Creighton University. Dr. Calvert shared information with us regarding both the past and current situation in the Middle East. Several more community wide events are planned throughout the coming years.



George Jerkovich, Near Nicodemus, Graham County, Kansas, c. 2000, archival inkjet print, 11 7/8 x 35 7/8 inches, courtesy the artist.

Red Desert, Green Prairie, Blue Sky: Photographing the West May 15 - June 20, 2010

Kimmel Gallery - Morton-James Public Library

Red Desert, Green Prairie, Blue Sky: Photographing the West unites the efforts of eight photographers working on three separate photography projects. Each project seeks to illuminate the beauty, tragedy, and strength of a different geographic region. The exhibit features 45 color and black-and-white photographs. Collectively, the exhibition compares textures of the land, its artifacts, its buildings, its current occupants, and the environment within three separate and often forgotten regions of the central United States.

The exhibit is a program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-American Arts Alliance with The Nebraska Arts Council, The National Endowment for the Arts and Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation, Inc.

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Jan Aronson Retires from the Library World

SELS would like to extend our good wishes to Jan Aronson in her retirement from the Weeping Water Public Library. Jan served as the head cook at the Weeping Water Public School for 21 years, and then moved on to Director of the public library, where she served some of her same customers from the school.

Jan was involved with multiple projects during her tenure, including grants from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Libri Foundation, Nebraska Library Commission and the Eugene and Lenora Day Foundation – all giving the library more equipment, such as computers, a server, software programs, and a printer; children's non-fiction books; audio books; Leap Frog Learning Pads & Programs; and library furniture, shelving & computer tables.

She was also involved with organization of the library to create a welcoming environment that

included painting such as the murals by local artists on the children's room walls; a Boy Scout project that cleaned the library basement and built shelves to store a puzzle collection; an Arboretum/Nebraska Roads grant for landscaping; the addition of a teen reader section; and purchase of Follett automation to upgrade the library catalog.

Jan's enthusiasm for her job as librarian is evident when looking at the list of her accomplishments, which she'd be first to remind us happened with the assistance of others, such as the library board, volunteers and library assistants.

We will miss her easy going nature and sense of humor at library meetings, and we certainly wish her all the best in her retirement.

Brenda Ealey, Administrator
Southeast Library System

Art Thingy is a new event sponsored by the Kilgore Memorial Library that celebrates art and creative expression in its many varied forms. The event has two major components:

- 1) an art fair environment where people can talk with artists of different mediums about their work and
- 2) creating a piece of art during the event.

Visual artists of several different mediums will have booths around the library grounds. They display examples of their art and are available to discuss what they do with attendees. We also have a stage for performing artists. As part



of the event, we ask that all artists have an interactive portion of their demonstration...potter can have kids help mold clay, dancers can teach audience members a dance step, etc. New this year, artists can have pieces available for purchase.

This year Julia Noyes from the Noyes Art Gallery in Lincoln will be leading our event art project. Kids will help create a 3 ft X 3 ft impressionistic dot painting. When finished, this

painting will hang in the library.

To make a day of it, we are also contacting food vendors, so you can have lunch at the library! Art Thingy will be on Saturday May 22nd at the Kilgore Memorial Library from 10am to 2pm. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me. This is a free event open to the public. For more information, you can contact Amy at: 402-363-2620.

Amy Barr
Youth Services Librarian
Assistant Director



News and Notes



Time to Nominate the 2010 Book Awards

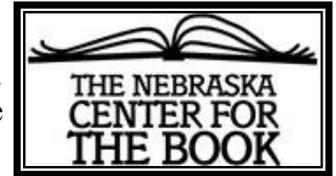
The 2010 Nebraska Book Awards program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book (NCB), will recognize and honor books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or relate to Nebraska.

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, or contact [Maria Medrano-Nehls](mailto:maria.medrano-nehls@nebraska.gov), maria.medrano-nehls@nebraska.gov, 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.



NLC's Cultivating Nebraska Librarians 2.0

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 Nebraska foundation. These internships for youth workers are a follow-up to last year's highly successful program, which was made possible through a grant from the same foundation.

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. **Applications will be accepted from April 29 through May 28.** Details are available from the Nebraska Library Commission at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Internships.asp.



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Keep Cinco de Mayo Alive Through May!

Consider submitting your Cinco de Mayo recipes to the SELS Friends Cookbook Project. Visit the SELS Friends website at www.selsfriends.org, and follow the directions. It's that easy! And thanks for contributing.



Jamie LaRue to Speak at the NE Library Leadership Reunion



Date: July 6th, 2010
Place: St. Benedict
 Retreat Center,
 Schuyler
Time: 10:00 a.m. to
 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20, includes
 lunch
CE: 4 hours
Dress: Casual

Nebraska Library Leadership Reunion Presents Jamie LaRue

What does 50 years of brain research have to do with growing market share? And what's the difference between market share and support? Come listen to a case study of how one library went from worst in the state, to best in the nation, but still had some important lessons to learn. You'll learn tips to help your library get better, and hear about the latest, cutting-edge research on what makes our brains work, and what helps libraries connect to communities.

Jamie LaRue has been the director of the Douglas County Libraries, headquartered in Castle Rock, CO, since 1990. He is the author of "The New Inquisition: Understanding and Managing Intellectual Freedom Challenges". We'll have copies of his book for sale. Jamie has also written a weekly newspaper column for over 20 years. He was the Colorado Librarian of the Year in 1998, the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce's 2003 Business Person of the Year, and in 2007 won the Julie J. Boucher Award for Intellectual Freedom.

Registration Form—Register by June 28th

Name: _____
 Library: _____
 City: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Year Attended Institute: _____

**Make Checks out to: NRLS
 Mail Registration to:
 Eastern Library System,
 11929 Elm Street, Suite. 18
 Omaha, NE 68144-4364**

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 Library Systems and Nebraska
 Library Association

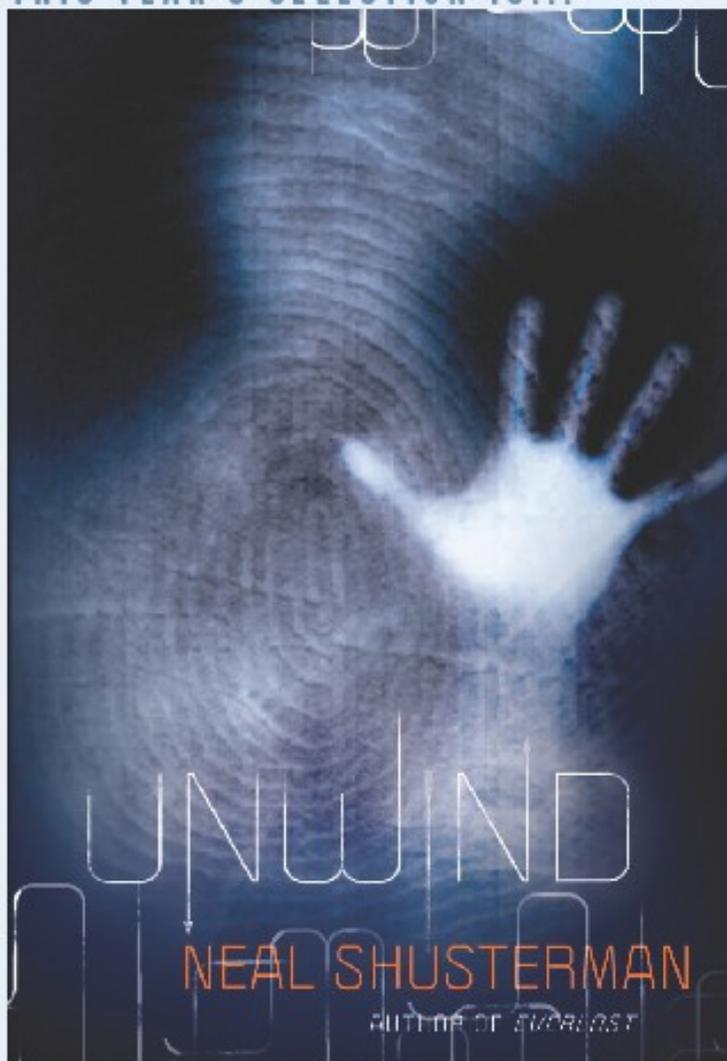
Contact Kathy Tooker at Eastern
 Library System: 402-330-7884 , or
 email: ktooker@windstream.net.

One Book For Nebraska Teens

- THE NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION PRESENTS -

ONE BOOK FOR NEBRASKA - TEENS -

THIS YEAR'S SELECTION IS...



UNWIND BY NEAL SHUSTERMAN



Nebraska
Library Commission

www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/obook.html



Date: May 21st

Time: 9:00-3:30

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.

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: vyonneweers@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.
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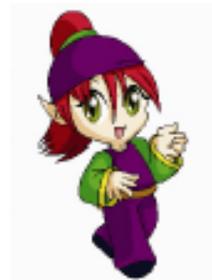
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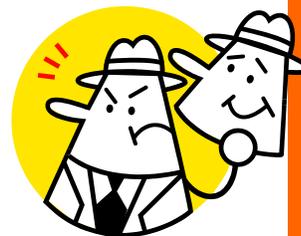
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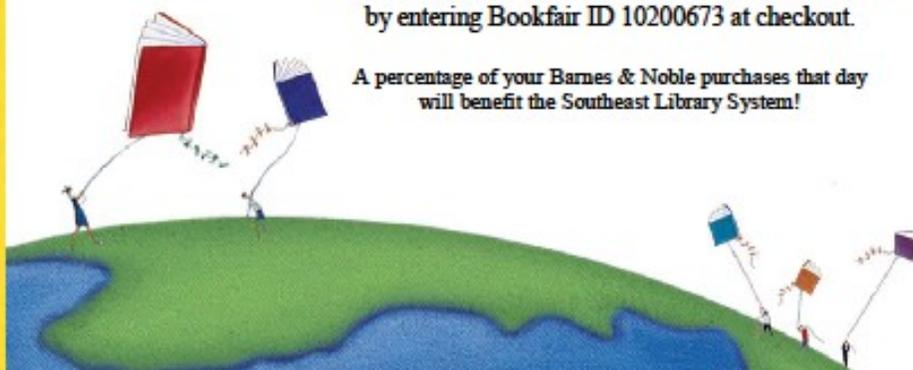
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Southeast Library System Annual Board Meeting

June 9th 2010

York, NE

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SELS Board Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2010

SELS Board Meeting
February 5, 2010
Seward Memorial Library
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College); Scott Childers (University of Nebraska Lincoln Libraries); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library); Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools, Adams); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office).

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator). Yvonne Weers (SELS Administrative Assistant).

Board Members Absent: Barbara Cornelius (Nebraska Wesleyan University, Cochran-Woods Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt); Adam Prochaska (Harding & Shultz Law Firm, Lincoln);

Meeting called to order by Secretary, Ruth Carlock at 10:25 a.m.

I. What's New Around the System

II. Board Resignation – Karen Frank

Ruth asked for nominations or a volunteer for vice president to finish out this year. Glenda Willnerd volunteered to accept the vice president position. She was elected unanimously. Glenda took over the meeting.

Karen's position expires in June 2011. Becky suggested we fill that position so we have an uneven number on the board and it is easier to reach a quorum. Brenda asked for ideas of who might be recommended. Becky suggested asking at CASTL. Brenda could bring a list and we will vote on it at the next meeting. Becky suggested we keep thinking of people who might be willing to serve. Becky suggested asking Carol Alley, a trustee from Louisville, if she would serve on the board.

III. Administrative Assistant Introduction – Yvonne Weers

Yvonne Weers was introduced as our new Administrative Assistant. She gave some information about herself. Yvonne will be working 9:00 – 3:00. She is enjoying the job.

Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library)

Our spring session of programs (kids and computer classes) begins next week. We run these for 10 weeks, so finish just in time for National Library Week in April. We are soliciting titles for our community read program - last year's *Playing With the Enemy* was so successful that they will have a hard time topping it. Becky presented her annual report to the City Council on Feb. 2 using a baseball theme to tie in last year's activities. They are busy looking forward to summer programs as well. Becky had programs to pass around with the baseball theme, and also had her annual report.

Help spread the word. Books are being given away to Read Aloud communities and schools. They are giving part of the books away now. The new year starts April 1 and they will give away the rest of the books this fall to the communities that sign up to be Read Aloud. The books need to go to children of low income families. They will be doing speed reviews again April 11, at Seward.

Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library York College)

Classes have started again and we have had a good student retention rate from last fall which we are pleased about. We have a new IT person on board who is helping with some of our technical problems. The library staff is beginning to make plans to attend a Library Conference at Faulkner University in Alabama this May.

Scott Childers (University of Nebraska - Lincoln Libraries)

The UNL Libraries are still waiting to hear what the budget situation will be, but they are still moving forward on other projects. They've added the Naxos Music Library database which allows unlimited streaming of over 165,000+tracks, including Classical music, Jazz, World, Folk and Chinese music, available to UNL Students, faculty, and staff. They've also added "Mimio" device which can be used to transfer text written on white boards into a digital file. It can be used on white boards in any of the study rooms in the building. Last, but not least, they've unveiled a mobile version of their website to cater to those who want to use their mobile devices, such as smart phones, at <http://www.unl.edu/libr/mobile/>.

On Feb 2, Clifford Lynch, Director of the Coalition for Networked Information, will present a public lecture sponsored by the UNL Libraries titled "The Emergence of E-Research: Implications for Scholarly Communication and Memory Organizations," at the Nebraska Union, City Campus on Monday, February 15 at 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Room to be assigned. This presentation will explore ways in which the emergence of data and computationally intensive research practices are changing the shape of the scholarly communication system, and the new demands (technical, policy and organizational) that these developments are creating for the curation and stewardship of a wide range of digital resources.

They have restructured their Friends group. It is no longer connected with the libraries. Money is now coming through a foundation. They are trying to do more with private funds.

Barbara Cornelius (Nebraska Wesleyan University, Cochrane-Woods Library)
No report.

Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library - Nebraska City)
No report.

Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library)

Wanda has an aide now. She seems to be picking up on things very quickly. They are finishing E-rate and looking at summer reading. The Fairmont Public Library will get in on the Gates broadband opportunity. They might even have handicap accessibility. All expense is covered. They will order

their own equipment this time. The service part is to get some training. The library will be upgrading the broadband to a faster speed.

Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools - DeWitt)

Past classroom projects include multicultural scientist research for freshman and a transportation research unit in 2nd grade. Seniors will start working on a 30-page research paper in March. Technology training was provided for their staff last Friday and Kim presented on Publisher. They are also going to serve hot chocolate in the media centers on Fridays in February to bet the winter blues!

Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners - Lincoln)

They are working on finding sites for another branch in the Johnson County system. At present they are looking for property they can afford. They are also looking for projects for smaller Nebraska libraries and working on a couple of corporate projects.

Adam Prochaska (Harding & Shultz Legal Firm – Lincoln)

No report.

Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library)

LRC is in the freezer with most state agencies. They did have an Employee Health Fair last week. This gave Tom an opportunity to show off his wares and talk with more staff. He increased his checkouts by 25% and increased his visibility 100%. They are Looking forward to spring when the grounds will bloom and blossom.

The library needs software for their 2 printers. It was suggested that Tom check online for the software.

Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools - Adams)

Robin is ready for the weather to stop and be a little bit nicer out. She is working on getting a speech team ready for competition. They had a competition last weekend and working on getting them ready for another one. Robin has been doing assessments with younger folks, getting them ready to do the state writing assessments and other assessments. Then she will be doing research reports with 3-6th grades. Robin has also been working on reading with the students who are below benchmark with their reading.

Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office)

LPS is beginning the search for a new superintendent. Several library media specialists will be attending the NLA Legislative Day. LPS is taking part in the statewide trials of five online databases. Author - Helen Lester will be visiting in March. LPS will be hosting spring booktalks by LCL librarians - Vicki Wood and Susan Steider. LPS will be providing tech training for middle and high school library media specialists in February and March. Books representing the "best of the best" from the MOSAIC exhibit are now going out to the schools in the traveling exhibit. This exhibit is booked through the end of the school year. Elementary library media specialists are collaborating with classroom teachers to prepare students for the NeSA - language arts statewide test and the new K-6 writing curriculum. The Heartland Conference will be June 14 & 15 at UNO. They are trying to encourage school librarians that have never attended a regional conference to attend. The registration cost is only \$50.00 and there will be a strand for public librarians hosted by Brenda Ealey and Kathy Tooker.

Approval of Minutes

Add to the minutes that Pat Leach is from Lincoln City Libraries. Add Senator Avery's first name of Bill. Kent moved to approve the minutes. Becky seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report

A revised budget line was added, and the three lines highlighted to indicate cuts made in the budget. There are still some columns on the financial report with oddities: the Workshop line is still off because of the Glennor Shirley expenses, and Education and Professional Development is still off from bus expenses paid last year and the income received this year. They did go ahead and pay the accountant the \$950 year end fee. Brenda distributed the annual report from Gary Riggs. Workmans Comp went up but it has been paid. Barbara Hegr wants to meet with Brenda and Yvonne to talk about doing the budget report differently.

Yvonne redid the budget report from the December board meeting and figures now balance. Scott moved to approve the financial report. Wanda seconded. Motion carried.

SELS Board and Friends Roles

We looked at the mission statement of the Friends, the SELS Board Job Description and the Memorandum of Understanding signed by SELS Board president, Sandy Elton April 12th 2007. At the December board meeting it was agreed that an SELS Friends Board member should not serve as an officer of the SELS Board.

SELS Board Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2010; *continued*

Lots of discussion on a wish list for the SELS Friends – with the result being a wish list will be put in writing, keeping in mind that priorities can change fairly quickly and an ongoing conversation between Friends Board and SELS staff is important. The wish list could be considered in planning the annual SELS budget, which is presented at the annual meeting in June. For the wish list, things that are needed come up over time. The Friends fiscal year is the same as SELS. The Friends scholarship funds are 5% of whatever is in the bank in July. A scholarship can be given away twice a year. The more money that is used for SELS expenses leaves less money available for the scholarships. It was decided that Brenda can prepare a wish list and add to it as they have needs. The Friends are meeting on the 19th of Feb. and can discuss what is on the Wish List. This list can be sent to the Friends members each time it is updated. It is also possible to link to the Friends Web Site to show the Wish List. There needs to be a statement added in the Memorandum of Understanding that things on the Wish List do not always have to be tangible items. We could put a Wish List on the SELS Web site such as a Fund-a-Library need with the Friends Mission Statement and the Memorandum of Understanding as is.

There was a discussion of Board members responsibility to raise funds for the Board. Ruth pointed out that Becky had mentioned at the last meeting that this needs to be on the Board Job Description when a person accepts a position on the Board. Becky sees this as a conflict of interest with the Friends. Robin said as a Board member we should feel some responsibility if SELS is in the red. Scott pointed out that it has been difficult to find Board members and he didn't feel that it should be a mandatory requirement for a Board member to raise funds. Becky said she didn't think it should be an expectation, only a suggestion. Glenda asked if SELS had ever asked for dues from the libraries in SELS. Brenda said it's been discussed, but never put into play due to the difficulty in administering and hardship of some communities in paying a member fee. The Friends group charges dues to be a member, where SELS doesn't charge dues. Scott said he would vote against the Board members being required to raise funds. He doesn't think it belongs in the job description. Robin suggested maybe as Board members we should go above and beyond to support the Friends group. Glenda suggested we spread the word to help support the Friends activities. Brenda suggested another statement be added to the SELS Board Job Description to support the Friends. Scott moved that we add a #14 to the SELS Board Job Description that Board members should support the SELS Friends in their advocacy and fund raising efforts. Robin seconded. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Brenda met in Tecumseh with the Corrections Librarians. Tom mentioned that the Women's Correctional Center in York needed donations of books.

NAIL group also met at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women (NCCW) in York. The NCCW librarian has one hour a day for the library – the rest of her time is spent teaching. There has also been minimal budget for the collection, other than the law library resources most of which are online – so much of the general collection is outdated. Brenda plans to weed the collection with Sam Shaw, the librarian at the Nebraska State Penitentiary who also acts as the library coordinator for corrections. CASTL group met at Nebraska City. They had a very useful meeting. In January, at the meeting in Lincoln, the Nebraska Public Library Accreditation Guidelines were cut apart into individual statements and attendees posted in categories by subject – which was very useful in evaluating subject headings and current 3 tiers for the guidelines. Richard Miller (NLC) attended and was receptive to the suggestions.

Brenda met with Jo Ann Jackson at the Geneva Youth Rehab & Treatment Center and helped her weed. This was the first time Brenda has been to the facility.

Brenda sent out another Friday Fritter with some positive comments and indication that it is being read and used. Becky opened up the DuPage teleconference for others in the SELS area to view it.

Brenda has received many questions on E-rate this year. SELS form 471 has not been filed yet. We're trying the summer reading workshop on a Monday – March 1st, and the author James Solheim is one of the presenters.

Brenda was on the NLC CE Grant Review Committee. Quite a few went out. There was a hubbub because there was a reversal with one of the grants after the committee made their decision.

June 14th and 15th is the Heartland School Library Conference at UNO.

System Administrator's meeting was in Kearney, January 13th. Kathy Tooker broke both legs and did not attend. Topics of discussion included: Planning Project with NLC; Nebraska League of Municipalities Conference; System Grants – Black Belt & Trustee Workshops; and NLLI Reunion.

System/NLA Planning project – January 14th with the System administrators and Laura Johnson was done via phone conference and was very productive.

NLA Board meeting. Scott, Tom and Brenda were in attendance. NLA discussed the future of NLAQ and the possibility of an electronic version. Things are on hold for the current issue. Brenda suggested if there were things we valued about the NLAQ to let Scott know. They also passed a Resolution in opposition to the USA Patriot Act. Joint membership in NLA and NEMA for NEMA members to get a reduced fee is being explored. It can be cost prohibitive to join both. The showstopper was the budget because there was \$81,000 in "rainy day funds", although the current year's budget was passed starting \$6,000 in the red.

Lunch

Brenda went to the LB 898 hearing on the Adopt the Student Expression Act. School administrators are nervous about it.

Two students interviewed Brenda from the Central Community College Foundation class for information on Nebraska Regional Library Systems and SELS.

Jerry Johnston, producer with NET Radio called for information on libraries that have reading to dog programs for a story that will air on February 6th & 7th.

Conversation concerning a proposal from League of Nebraska Municipalities regarding a change of statute in administration of library personnel. The League pulled the proposal in January.

The *Future of the Information Age & the Role of Public Libraries* will be presented by Rivkah Sass (former OPL director) and William Crossman, author of *VIVO: The Coming Age of Talking Computers*, at the League of Nebraska Municipalities Conference in Lincoln February 22nd.

Brenda sent the revised SELS technology plan on January 21st to Christa Burns at NLC, e-rate coordinator for Nebraska libraries.

Effective January 1, 2010 the mileage rate was reduced to \$.50 from \$.55

Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library, helped update the systems web page.

Upcoming events/meetings

Monday is the NLC/Systems Quarterly meeting
 Rescheduled CASTL to January 18th due to weather.
 April 9th is the next SELS Board Meeting.

The System Administrators have asked Rod Wagner for NLC funds to assist with carpooling to MPLA Conference in Oklahoma City, for systems that did not receive an out-state conference trip.

Becky suggested we organize the PLA virtual conference March 25th & 26th. It is \$215 for an individual, and a site license is \$1,035 for 20 attendees.

SELS Friends Report

The current balance in the Friends account is \$4997.49. Since July, they have taken in \$353 in candy sales, \$365.19 from book sales at the conference, \$116.75 from the Harry Potter private showing last summer, and \$185 in memberships. They have recently paid \$141 in sales tax, and some sales tax filing issues have been worked out in the last month.

The January scholarship application window was open for a few weeks and was electronically announced to both SELS Friends members and to SELS members in general. One application was received and will be reviewed when the SELS Friends Board meets on February 19. The application is to help pay costs for a community college class which is something not previously discussed when scholarship criteria was developed. So, the criteria will be looked at again before the July application window opens.

Lisa is working through the things she got from Brenda. The companies that print the cookbooks sometimes have sales that would be cheaper. Anyone can enter a recipe. They currently have 51 recipes entered, but need many more before they can move to production. They would like to have a finished product for NLA/NEMA, but may need to shoot for 2011 rather than 2010.

Tom asked the opinion of those that have attended Aged to Perfection regarding somewhat low attendance. He asked the Board members to bring a white elephant for this.

Tom asked for feedback from one person librarians. The Special & Institutional Section is going to try to get a pre-conference for one person librarians at NLA 2010.

Brenda said there's been no further communication from NLC regarding more cuts from the state that would impact the Systems.

NLC Report

No report. Discussion from the board concerning attendance by NLC at SELS Board meetings – with thought that communication on issues, news and projects would be the primary goal. Brenda said that the Systems and NLC meet quarterly to share information, and that she can make an effort to invite NLC to join in SELS Board meetings. Brenda gives an account of what we are doing at the quarterly meetings which includes systems administrators and a few people from the Commission. Becky suggested we make an invitation when there is something specific we need.

Committee Meetings & Annual Meeting Plans**Committee assignments for 2009/2010:**

CE Committee: Becky Baker, Kim McCain, Glenda Willnerd, Scott Childers, Adam Prochaska, Barbara Cornelius

On, Saturday April 17th there will be a ½ day workshop with 3 sessions primarily for school librarians in Dorchester. The annual May SELS Training Extravaganza was discussed. Brenda and Kathy are following up on a speaker for the Spring Colloquium. Becky suggested Fred Nelson. Plans need to be organized for the CASTL Golden Sower meeting in Seward in June. Discussed possible locations for Virtual PLA.

Network Committee: Barbara Hegr, Ruth Carlock, Wanda Marget, Kent Munster, Tom Schmitz, Robin Sugden

The Network committee reported that holding some stand alone topics that could be high interest could take place. They suggested holding meetings in 4 quadrants so that it is close to the librarians. There was talk about mentors. They need to be helpful with skills, by library type, and by topic. Email lists can go out to people who are "specialists". Some of this is done at CASTL, but maybe we need to organize a school librarian's email list. Yvonne suggested social networks to get people together. The current plan is to hold CASTL meetings in each of the 15 counties we serve over a period of 2 years. There is overlap in Network Committee discussions with the role of the CE Committee.

Executive Committee (Bylaws & Policies): Barbara Hegr, Glenda Willnerd, Ruth Carlock.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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“My books are very few, but then the world is before me - a library open to all - from which poverty of purse cannot exclude me - in which the meanest and most paltry volume is sure to furnish something to amuse, if not to instruct and improve.”

~Joseph Howe, 1824

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.) 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.