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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

June/July 2005

SOWINGS

“Libraries celebrate and preserve our democratic society by making available the widest possible range of viewpoints, opinions and ideas, so that all individuals have the opportunity to become lifelong learners – informed, literate, educated, and culturally enriched. . . they contribute to a future that values and protects freedom of speech in a world that celebrates both our similarities and our differences, respects individuals and their beliefs, and holds all persons truly equal and free.” (Source: Libraries: An American Value – document by the ALA in 1999.)

In the process of preparing a talk for the York Rotary Club, I was reminded of some great thoughts on paper that just so happen to run right in-line with my ideas on the importance of libraries in communities of all types. (Imagine that!) As the administrator of SELS, I have the great privilege of witnessing what vital difference librarians make in the communities they serve. One of those statements I listed above, another is from the Nebraska State Statutes (51-201.02) in support of public libraries:

The Legislature finds and declares that **public libraries perform services which are vitally important** for the maintenance of an educated and democratic society, including, but not limited to, providing information which stimulates thought, awareness and involvement in issues of public interest and providing avenues for intellectual and cultural growth and enjoyment. The Legislature further finds that an educated and culturally aware society is increasingly important in an economy in which Nebraskans must compete on a global scale. It is the intent of the Legislature that Nebraskans will help lead the nation into the world of the 21st century.

That’s a pretty cool high calling from our elected officials, and certainly a citation we might want to keep handy in advocating for their support.

The other document I ran across, are “12 Ways Libraries Are Good for the Country” from *American Libraries*, December 1995. It’s a list of principles that we’re all most likely aware of, but a good concise list for reviewing the library’s roles within our communities:

♦ **Libraries inform citizens.** Libraries make democracy work by providing access to information so that citizens can make the decisions necessary to govern themselves.

- ♦ **Libraries break down boundaries.** Librarians provide outreach, family literacy programs, multilingual and cultural programs and materials.
- ♦ **Libraries level the playing field.** By making all its resources equally available to all members of its community, regardless of income, class, or other factors, the library helps level the playing field.
- ♦ **Libraries value the individual.** Libraries encourage independent and freethinking without pre-judgment, as well as provide alternatives to popular media resources and commercialism.
- ♦ **Libraries nourish creativity.** Libraries provide the capacity for lifting the mind beyond its horizons and stimulating curiosity – in the library we are all children.
- ♦ **Libraries open kids’ minds.** Children are provided access to new worlds in multiple formats .
- ♦ **Libraries return high dividends.**
- ♦ **Libraries build communities.** Libraries link people with information both historically and in preparing for the future. They are often meeting places for social as well as business gatherings, linking people to people – whether directly or indirectly.
- ♦ **Libraries make families friendlier.** Libraries offer homework centers, literacy training, parenting materials, after-school activities, summer reading programs, outreach – like the families they serve, libraries everywhere are adapting to meet new challenges.
- ♦ **Libraries offend everyone.** The library exhibits a tolerance and willingness to look at all sides of an issue. That becomes particularly valuable when combined with access for all, and confidentiality of library users.
- ♦ **Libraries preserve the past.**
- ♦ **Libraries offer sanctuary.** In the library we are answerable to no one, alone with our private thoughts, fantasies, hopes, we are free to nourish what is most precious to us with the silent companionship of others we do not know.

I love the ideals expressed in those 12 statements with one caveat: the importance of the librarians, and the trustees, and the library staff, and the library friends and supporters who make it possible for libraries to fulfill all those roles. A library is just a warehouse of materials without the individuals who bring life to its resources and services.

-Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

Open Meetings Law Workshop: June 22, 28, & 30

Do you feel alone when trying to figure out Nebraska's Open Meetings Law?

Attend the 2005 Open Meetings Law Workshop to learn ways to feel more confident you are following the law. The Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) is sponsoring an ***Open Meetings Law Workshop*** this summer to be presented by NASB legal counsel John Spatz. The Workshop will address important topics of the Open Meetings Law and engage the participants in some real-life scenarios. This will be a very interactive workshop where the participants will leave with a new understanding of the requirements of the Open Meetings Law. Along with the interactive discussions, **those in attendance will also receive a copy of the "Guidebook to Nebraska's Public Meetings Law."**

Issues to be addressed include:

- 1) How to deal with problem constituents in the public meeting setting.
- 2) Potential pitfalls when going into a closed session.
- 3) Am I conducting a meeting when discussing issues with another board member?
- 4) What can sub-committees discuss?
- 5) What happens if the board violates the open meetings law? Can I get in trouble?



• In an effort to encourage ALL members of public bodies to attend, the charge for the workshop is only \$100 per public body. **Normally it would cost \$100 per library to register for this Workshop, but the Nebraska Library Commission, with state funds allocated through the Nebraska legislature, will cover this registration cost for public library staff and board members that want to attend. Your library is responsible for any other costs associated with getting to and from the training.

The workshop will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

Wednesday, June 22 (Registration deadline: June 20)
North Platte, Quality Inn & Suites Sandhills Convention Center, 2102 South Jeffers St.

Tuesday, June 28 (Registration deadline: June 24)
Ravenna, Ravenna High School, 41750 Carthage Rd .

Thursday, June 30 (Registration deadline: June 27)
Norfolk, Northeast Community College, 801 East Benjamin Avenue

To find the registration form and where to send it, go to www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/NASBWorkshopReg.html.

Note:

- Mail or fax your registration to NASB.
 - 2 hours of CE credit will be awarded to each library board member and/or library staff member attending the workshop. Continuing Education (CE) Credits are issued by the Nebraska Library Commission as part of the Nebraska Public Librarian or Board Certification Program.
- For questions concerning this Workshop, contact either Pam Scott (psscott@nlc.state.ne.us) or Richard Miller (rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us), or call either one of them at: 800-307-2665.

Have somebody you think deserves an award? Check out these sites for the best fit:



- ♦ **Distinguished Service Award-College & University Section:** reinert.creighton.edu/cu/Awards/DistinguishedService/dsaward.htm
- ♦ **Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian:** www.nebraskalibraries.org/PLS/awards.html
- ♦ **Mad Hatter Award-School, Children's & Young People's Section:** www.nebraskalibraries.org/SCYP/MadHatter.html
- ♦ **Paraprofessional of the Year:** www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paraofyear.html
- ♦ **Special and Institutional Promotion Award:** www.nol.org/home/NLA/SANDI/#AWARDS
- ♦ **Trustee Citation Award:** www.nebraskalibraries.org/TUFS/tufsaward.html

Starting September 6, 2005...

LIBR 1010 XW Introduction to Library and Information Services

4.5 Quarter Hours

Fall Quarter

September 6, 2005 – November 22, 2005

Orientation – September 10, 2005

This course is designed to provide the student with a broad overview of the library and information science profession. It will include:

- a history of libraries
- an introduction to various types of libraries
- procedures and tools used in libraries
- an introduction to the vocabulary, literature, current issues and professional associations of the field
- the role of the Library Technical Assistant in library and information environments



This course is a requirement for the Library Technical Assistant program that will be offered through the Nebraska Community Colleges

Interested? Call Metro Community College Today:

Gretchen Schaeffer, Academic Advisor
1 (800) 228.9553 ext. 2376
MCC - Fort Omaha Campus

<http://www.mccneb.edu>

*General registration for Fall 2005 term begins in May.
Registration will close one week before the class begins.*

Thank you!

To all of the locations that have allowed SELS to provide training during 2004/2005!

- ♦ **Seward Memorial Library:** Summer Reading, Basic Skills Spring and Fall
- ♦ **Hamilton College:** Training Extravaganza
- ♦ All the CASTL hosts: **Auburn Public Library, Burkley Library-DeWitt, Greenwood Public Library, Kilgore Memorial Library-York, Weeping Water Public Library, Hebron Secrest Library, Geneva Public Library, and Morton-James Public Library-NE City**
- ♦ **Nebraska Library Commission**



June

June 9th – 12th: Nebraska Storytelling Festival in Omaha at Westside H.S., 87th & Pacific. The three-day event presents workshops in storytelling practice for families and adults along with a variety of individual storytelling events designed for all ages. Featured Tellers: Charlotte Blake Alston, Willy Claflin, Angela Lloyd, Leeny Del Seamonds, Tim Tingle, and Izzi Tooinsky. Regional Tellers: Steve Otto and Pippa White. For more information visit: www.nebraskastoryarts.org/fest_info.html.

☀ **June 13th: Bricks & Boards Workshop** at Concordia in Seward, www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/BricksBoards.pdf.

June 13th: Heritage Quest Online Training session at Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln (1200 N Street) from 1:30 to 3. No cost to attend but registration is required. Contact: Jeannette Powell, 402-471-7740 or 800-307-2665 or e-mail jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us or go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/hqtraining.html

☀ **June 17th: SELS Annual Meeting** in Pawnee City, www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/AnnualMeeting.pdf.

June 18th –24th: Nebraska Summer Writers' Conference at University of Nebraska/Lincoln. The conference offers 22 writing workshops during the week. Courses include Novel, Short Story, Poetry, Memoir, Creative Nonfiction, Travel Writing, Mystery, Screenwriting, Documentary, Master classes in the Novel and Poetry and Publishing consultations with literary agents and editors. For more information visit: www.unl.edu/nsw/ or contact: Jonis Agee, 402-472-1834, jagee@unl.edu.

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

June 29th: Every Child Ready to Read at Kearney Public Library, 2020 First Avenue. Judy Nelson, of the Pierce County Library System, Tacoma, Washington, will present ALA's "Every Child Ready to Read Training" in this all-day workshop. There is no charge. Up to 6 continuing education credits can be earned by librarians participating in the Library Commission's Public Librarian Certification Program. For more information and to register contact: Shawna Lindner, 308-233-3284, slindner@kearneygov.org, fax: 308-233-3291.

July

☀ **July 7th: CASTL Meeting** in Aurora – Bring your library trustees! Brenda will be report via Power Point about Lynn Bradman's trustee survey in the morning. Registration on page 8.

July 14th & 15th: Digitization Workshop. Two one-day workshops will be available to help instruct attendees on what you need to know when planning a digitization project. For more information and to register visit www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskamemories/digitizationworkshops.html

July 15th: Nebraska Library Commissioners and Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting in Scottsbluff, from 8:30 to 2:30. The meeting is open to the public, contact: Maria Medrano-Nehls/402-471-4008/800-307-2665/mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.

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

July 25th – 29th: Third Library Leadership Institute in Schuyler, www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/NLLI.pdf.

July 29th – 30th: Library Leadership Alumni Reunion in Schuyler, www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/reunion.pdf

July 30th: Norfolk Public Library's **11th Annual Literature Festival**, see page 11. For more information visit: www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/library/Literature%20Festival.pdf, or contact Karen Drevo at (402)844-2100 or kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us.

August

August 1st: Buildings 101: Building and Planning Workshop in Lincoln presented by Linda Demmers.

August 5th: CASTL Meeting –Bring your Media Specialists– see page 8 for details..

August 10th: Database Roadshow 2005 at Nebraska Library Commission from 9-3, free registration, lunch on your own. The Roadshow will provide Nebraska librarians and media specialists with an overview of the state-funded databases available through NebraskAccess. The Roadshow will also include a tour of the Librarian's Toolbox, which contains promotional and training material about NebraskAccess. As in past years, the Roadshow will be divided into segments, with each focusing on a particular database. During each segment NLC Network Services Staff will discuss and demonstrate a database, and then the class will have hands-on time to practice what they've learned. Please bring any questions you may have and we will help you work through them during the hands-on time. To register contact: Jeannette Powell, 402-471-7740 or 800-307-2665 or e-mail: jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us. There's also a Database Roadshow 2005 being held on **July 27th** at Metropolitan Community College – Elkhorn Valley Campus, 204th Street and West Dodge Road, Room 124.

August 14th: Royals Baseball Game in Omaha, 1:35 p.m.– **Library Game Day!**

September

September 28th – 30th: NLA/NEMA Conference at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. See www.nla-nema2005.info/ for details.

Republican Valley Library System is delighted to announce that Sherry Houston has accepted the position of Republican Valley System Administrator. Sherry started work on June 1 after finishing her year as the Media Specialist at Sutton Public Schools. She was employed by Sutton Public Schools for 21 years as the K-12 Media Specialist. In 1994, Sherry received her Master's in Library Science from Emporia State University, and says "even though I used my training in a variety of ways in the public school setting, I am delighted to work within the Republican Valley Library System where my skills and knowledge will be even more challenged." Sherry and her husband Barry have lived in the Harvard area for 30 years and have three grown daughters. Even though her predominant experience is in the public school setting, Sherry has worked in a small public library in St. Paul, Nebraska; college libraries at Nebraska Wesleyan and the School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota; and is even the librarian for her weaving group. Welcome, Sherry!



NEWS FROM THE SHOTGUN



Pawnee City Library has been ordering books for reading groups from the library systems and The Nebraska Humanities Council that have bulk loans to offer communities. Here is the link for the systems books for loan: www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/meridian/discussion.html. The link for the Nebraska Humanities Council is: www.nebraskahumanities.org (Click on the little fellow next to "Speakers & More" and scroll down to HRC Reading and Discussion Program). These loans only involve postage so saves the readers from purchasing their own copies. There is a book club that meets at Hallie's Restaurant and enjoys dinner out at the same time. The library doesn't host this book club but have worked with getting them needed books. We also help another group that gets books through ILL. Right now this seems a popular activity so we are going to try out a reading discussion group for kids ages 8-12 this summer.

Our Librarian Assistant, Lola Seitz, has just successfully completed her first Basic Skills course so we offer her our congratulations and thanks for all her hard work. We got a few projects done with the building this year such as the windows. Two are still in the works: carpeting for the front steps and a repair to our handicap access. We had a booth in April at the local nursing home for their annual Health Fair promoting our titles. Instead of key chains, etc. we gave out free paperbacks with the library's hours.

Submitted by Mary Friedly, Director

The **Gresham Public Library** moved from its previous location of 20 years on Main Street. It is now located in the north half of the Gresham Community Building, formerly part of the Gresham Public School. On April 2, over 50 volunteers from Gresham, as well as neighboring communities, assisted in moving all the books to the new location. Since the new library is 6 blocks from the old one, all of the books had to be boxed and hauled on trailers. By noon, all the books were in the new location, and by 4:30, everything was shelved! There had been several workdays between Feb. 1 and April 1 to get the new building ready to become a library. The Library Board is thankful to the Village of Gresham and the Gresham Community Club for working together and recognizing the importance of a clean, safe, welcoming environment for the Library. An Open House was held by the Library Board on April 22, with 75 people attending.



A patron, Will, enjoying the new space.

The Gresham Public Library and the Gresham Community Club were selected to host a series of 4 Lewis and Clark programs sponsored jointly by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the Missouri Humanities Council. Twelve Communities in the state of Nebraska were awarded this honor in celebration of the 2005 Commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. There were four presenters: Paul Sivitz who gave an overview of the Expedition, Ritchie Doyle who presented as if he were Captain Clark, Dr. Fred Fauz who had several artifacts from the era that he spoke about and allowed the audience to look at more closely afterward and William Howell, Head Chief of the Pawnee Indians, who gave shared personal reflections of the tribe. Attendance at the programs ranged from 75-125 people each week, with attendees coming from Gresham and neighboring communities, as well as Lincoln. Each week also brought visitors from out of state to attend the programs.



Ritchie Doyle

Submitted by Kristen Wilton, Director

We have a program called "Read on Request" we think may be unique. When children come in to the **Little Priest Tribal College** library, they can either ask the children's librarian, Susan Skinner to read them a story, or she offers. She will spend 20 min. or a half hour reading to a group of kids, whenever they come in. This works better for us than a planned, programmed story time. She reads around 150-200 books aloud per month.

We also have a Read-to-Me Night twice a year. We gather parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and big sisters/brothers and small children together, talk to them about the benefits of reading aloud to children, read a few stories to the group, then give everyone a book, send them off to all the corners of the library to read to their child, and then gather again for treats and more talk. Everyone goes home with a free book, including adults. We get free children's books from a variety of sources, and there is always a large selection.

Submitted by Gretchen Healy, Director

As part of the annual National Library Week celebration, librarian Charlotte Baldinger walked around local businesses looking for people carrying **Seward Memorial Library** cards. Those who could show their cards to her received a \$5 bill donated by the Friends of Seward Library. The surprised library users discovered that their library card is valuable beyond providing access to a world of information. People who were not carrying cards received stickers saying, "I got carded," and were invited to visit the library.



Charlotte Baldinger and a "carded" shopper.

If you enjoy good food and quality reading then "Dinner and a Book" will satisfy your appetite for both. **Seward Memorial Library** will be challenging the community to identify weekly quotes from literature. These quotes will be located on their website: www.sewardlibrary.org or in the library beginning June 6th. Those submitting correct answers will be put in a weekly drawing for prizes from local restaurants. The winners will receive a copy of the book containing the quote, compliments of the Friends of Seward Library. People may enter once a week at the library or online. Prizes must be claimed in person within 60 days.

Submitted by Charlotte Baldinger, Library Assistant



Princess Pageturner, a.k.a. Robin Brooks, with her dragon.

Princess Pageturner will host **Kilgore Memorial Library's** Summer Reading Program this year. With "Dragon Tales," a performance by Kilgore's own Young Adult Puppet Academy of the Astrid Lingren book "*The Dragon with the Red Eyes*," dreamy stories, and the hero of your choice, it promises to be a fun reading summer in York. Guests are always welcome!

Submitted by Robin Brooks, Children's Librarian



NEWS FROM THE MAYOR



Come learn with your peers! Conversation Among Small Town Librarians (CASTL) is training and networking for any library or media center. With training in the morning and brain-storming in the afternoon, these meetings allow you to find out what other librarians are doing while earning CE credit and having fun! Please join us!

July 7—Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora with Board Members—

Bring your board members to earn CE credits for accreditation. Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator, will be presenting the results of the 2005 Trustee survey by Lynn Bradman. Many trustees responded; discover what they think matters and how to have your board make a difference. Round Robin information sharing in the afternoon with lunch in between.

August 5—Waverly High School with Media Specialists—

“The Possibilities are Endless” on the internet as we all know. Judy Butler, Waverly Senior High Media Specialist, will walk us through some exciting websites to try and help us evaluate websites. Please bring a website evaluation form if you have one. Julie Pinnell, Nebraska Library Commission, will help us with hands-on data base training also in the morning. We will break for lunch and then come back for our world famous round robin in the afternoon.

Please let the System office know if you plan to attend, so that we may have a count for lunch.

1-800-288-6063/jennip@alltel.net



News and Notes

Talk to Your Baby

The Literacy Trust in the UK has developed several one-page "Talk to Your Baby" tip sheets on how parents and caregivers can help children develop good speaking and listening skills. Each is bilingual and available in ten languages including: Chinese, Arabic, Urdu, French, Tamil, and other languages. Copies can be downloaded at: www.literacytrust.org.uk/talktoyourbaby/quicktips.html, and photocopied free of charge.



IRA's 2005 Children's Book Awards

The International Reading Association announced their 2005 Children's Book Awards at the 50th convention in San Antonio, May 1-5. They are:

Primary - Fiction winner:

Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel by Leslie Conner; illustrated by Mary Azarian

Primary - Nonfiction winner:

Eliza and the Dragonfly by Susie Caldwell Rinehart; illustrated by Anisa Claire Hovemann

Intermediate Fiction winner:

The Golden Hour by Maiya Williams

Intermediate Nonfiction winner:

Buildings in Disguise by Joan Marie Arbogast

Young Adult Fiction winner:

Emako Blue by Brenda Woods

Young Adult Nonfiction winner:

The Burn Journals by Brent Runyon

For lists of previous years' winners, visit: www.reading.org/association/awards/childrens_ira.html.

2005 Teen Read Week Website



YALSA is pleased to announce the launch of its 2005 Teen Read Week web site! Visit it at www.ala.org/teenread to register (early bird registrants will get free books--more details on that later), access annotated booklists, get program ideas, download a logo, and much more. This year's theme is "**Get Real! @ your library,**" and the focus is on nonfiction and realistic fiction. Even though **Teen Read Week** isn't until Oct. 16-22, it's not too early to start planning your community's Teen Read Week celebration. To help you plan, we have the Teen Read Week manual marked down to just \$10.00, and it can be purchased from the web site. This year let's work together to get more teens than ever to read for the fun of it!



News and Notes

2005 Golden Sower Awards

K-3 List

Winner: *Togo*, written and illustrated by Robert J. Blake

Honor: *Clarence the Copy Cat* by Patricia Lakin

Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School by Mark Teague

4-6 List

Winner: *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli

Honor: *The Ghost Sitter* by Peni R. Griffin

The Summer of Riley by Eve Bunting

Young Adult

Winner: *Mississippi Trial, 1955* by Chris Crowe

Honor: *Ashes of Roses* by Mary Jane Auch

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

For more information on the Golden Sower and for annotations of the nominees and winners go to: www.nol.org/home/NLA/golden/sower.htm.

Continuing Education and Training Grants

Information is now available for the Nebraska Library Commission 2005 Continuing Education & Training Grants at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/conedgrants/cetinformation.html. Eligible applicants include: accredited public libraries, a consortium of accredited public libraries or regional library systems. Eligible applicants can submit application materials up until 11:59 PM CT August 1, 2005 electronically or submit through postal mail by the postmarked date of August 1, 2005. Grant awards will be announced on September 2, 2005.

The application materials also include tips for writing better grants and the evaluation form that will be used to assist in evaluating the submitted grant applications. If you have any questions about this grant process, contact Pam Scott, Continuing Education Coordinator, 800-307-2665, 402-471-2694., or psscott@nlc.state.ne.us.

2004 Statistical Data via Bibliostat™ Connect

Nebraska public library statistical data for 2004 is now available online via Bibliostat™ Connect, at: <http://connect.informata.com>. Bibliostat™ Connect is a Web-based tool funded by the Nebraska Library Commission that allows for simple, powerful analysis of library data, without proficiency in using spreadsheets or databases. This program can be used to create tables and graphs that demonstrate how one library compares with others, using a variety of data elements. Each library has a username and password for accessing this Web site.

If you have any questions, contact Kit Keller, Library Commission Planning and Data Services Coordinator; Federal Aid Administrator at 402-471-3216, 800-307-2776, or kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S**

11TH ANNUAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 30, 2005/ 9:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.

Northeast Community College/ Lifelong Learning Center

801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE

This year's Festival has been funded by the Norfolk Library Foundation, the City of Norfolk,
& the SCYP division of the Nebraska Library Association.

Featuring Award Winning Authors:

CANDACE FLEMING

2006 Golden Sower Award nominee for *BOXES FOR KATJE*

Also author of *BEN FRANKLIN'S ALMANAC—WHEN AGNES CAWS—GABRIELLA'S SONG—
A BIG CHEESE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE—MUNCHA! MUNCHA! MUNCHA!* and more...

MARION DANE BAUER

2006 Golden Sower Award nominee for *RUNT*

Also author of *ON MY HONOR—THE DOUBLE-DIGIT CLUB—LAND OF THE BUFFALO BONES—AN EARLY WINTER—
WHY DO KITTENS PURR?—IF YOU WERE BORN A KITTEN* and more...

NEAL SHUSTERMAN

2006 Golden Sower Award nominee for *FULL TILT*

Also author of *THE SCHWA WAS HERE—THE DARK SIDE OF NOWHERE—DOWNSIDERS—SCORPION SHARDS—
SPEEDING BULLET—WHAT DADDY DID—THE EYES OF KID MIDAS* and more...

ALSO

- 2005-2006 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff
- Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Fleming, Bauer, & Shusterman
- Book Display & Sales by Sheridan County Publishing Company of Gordon, NE of books by & about the Sandoz family as well as rare & unusual histories & memoirs of the Sandhills
- Sales of Golden Sower Items
- Autograph Session/Book Signing with Candace Fleming, Marion Dane Bauer & Neal Shusterman
- Door Prizes
- Five Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians
- Five Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools

TICKETS: Youth (Age 18 & under): \$5.00/advance or \$7.00/door Adults: \$15.00/advance or \$20.00/door

****Free admittance to current members of the SCYP division of Nebraska Library Association**

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 Prospect Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

For more information:

Contact Karen Drevo at the above address or 402/844-2100, Fax: 402/844-2102, or email: kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

A WONDERFUL WAY TO SPEND A SUMMER DAY!



Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association

2005 Fall Conference

September 28-30, 2005 • Cornhusker Hotel • Lincoln NE

Registration information available soon at:

<http://www.nla-nema2005.info/>

Keynote Speakers

Barb Stripling

Director of Library Services
New York City's Department of Education
Sponsored by NEMA

Thursday, September 29

Martha Choe

Director of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's
Global Libraries Program
Sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission,

Friday, September 30

Preconferences

Bridges Out of Poverty
Caring for the Mind

Conference Program - AT A GLANCE

<http://www.papillion.ne.us/~nla-nema2005/ataglance.html>

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY: STRATEGIES FOR PROFESSIONALS AND COMMUNITIES



2005 Nebraska Regional Library Systems Preconference
September 28, 2005 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cornhusker Hotel

“It was just bad luck; the cop was on the same road I was on that night!” Have you heard this phrase or something similar to it? If so, do you know the hidden rules that guide such thinking?



Jodi Pfarr

Much of society is based on middle class rules, and those who wish to succeed must learn the hidden rules of this middle class culture. These invisible rules, characteristics, and language structures shape the behavior and vocabulary of each culture in your community.

Libraries *are* the heart and soul of their communities; your patrons are the most diversified of any community entity. Knowing the best ways to interact with *all* of your patrons allows you to provide access and information in the ways best suited to those diverse populations.

The workshop will increase participants’ awareness of the differences in cultures and how those differences impact opportunities for success. In addition, participants will leave with the skills needed to develop action plans to improve their services to their clients. This workshop would be valuable for those working with people through libraries, social service agencies or churches. Presenter Jodi Pfarr is a Transitional Housing Manager for Catholic Charities. She is also a chaplain, a certified critical debriefer for the St. Paul, MN Police Department, and is on the board of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association Board. This workshop is based on the book, *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities*, by Ruby K. Payne, Philip DeVol and Terie Dreussi-Smith.

“What attendees will learn from the "Bridges out of Poverty" pre-conference will apply to their own situations, no matter how they define their community. Jodi Pfarr's presentation style is lively, informative, and insightful.”

-Becky Baker, Seward Memorial Library

“I actually wished that she'd talk longer than six hours! I've often wondered why there aren't more low income families at the library--Jodi's presentation helped me make sense of that, and move toward having better relationships. This was new information for me.”

-Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries

“She is the best presenter I've ever seen. Jodi cares so much about what she is sharing with you that she takes you on the journey whether you want to go or not. She's incredible. Every person will get something valuable out of this session, no matter how big or small your community is.”

-Rose Schinker, LaVista Public Library

\$25 MEMBER OF NLA/NEMA OR LIBRARY STUDENT
\$35 NON-MEMBER NLA/NEMA

Name _____

Library _____

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Please mail registrations by **September 19, 2005** to:
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September 28, 2005
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Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln

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“Because of stigma with mental illness, many persons with mental illness may be unwilling to pursue formal treatment (medication, therapy) for their illness, but more likely to pursue informal treatments (support groups, bibliotherapy). This is where the librarian can be helpful. By having a well rounded mental health collection which provides persons with mental illness with knowledge based information to enhance management of their illness which are often chronic, being sensitive to the stigma that comes with mental illness during the reference interview, the librarian can enhance the quality of life of persons with mental illness even if just for a few moments.”

—Caring for the Mind: Providing Reference Services for
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TRAINING will consist of:

- * **Health and Human Services (HHS) speaker** regarding state decision on mental health, current facilities, and efforts to relocate people in their own communities
- * **Keynote Mental Health speaker on Behavior Management**
- * **Panel Discussion on Behavior Management** – school and library staff along with mental health professionals
- * **Collection Development** – Consumer Health Information Resource Services (CHIRS) program coordinator
- * **Reference Interview**
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Southeast Library System Board Meeting
April 1, 2005
Hebron Secrest Public Library – Hebron, NE

Board Members present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE Libraries); Robin Brooks (Kilgore Memorial Library); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Ken Gunselman (York College Library); Steve Hunt (Plattsmouth Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Hope Schawang (Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center).

Also present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Christy Johnson (Hebron Secrest Director); Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission).

Board Members absent:

Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center); Deb Goossen (Lewiston Consolidated Schools); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library).

Agenda

I. What's New Around the System: President Baker called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. On behalf of the SELS Board, the President thanked Christy Johnson for hosting the meeting. Christy detailed briefly the many changes that Hebron Secrest Public Library has undergone in the past few years. She offered a tour to Board members at the end of the day. All other members provided updates on their libraries. In particular, Rebecca Bernthal noted that during the 2005 NLA/NEMA conference, tours of the new book storage facility on UNL's East Campus will be provided.

II. Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Karen Frank, second by Steve Hunt, the minutes from the February 11, 2005 meeting were approved. Motion passed.

III. Financial Report: Jenni discussed the current budget, providing members with a spreadsheet that indicated 66% of the current fiscal year has passed. Jenni noted that SELS is using a new professional printer for the newsletter. This printer is less expensive than the company used prior to this, and the new printer's work promises to be of high quality. There was discussion among the Board regarding the fact the Admin/travel/gas allocated budget line has been spent. Jenni stated that much of that is due to Brenda's responsibilities as President of NLA this year. Much of Brenda's travel across the state has been due to her role in NLA and the upcoming conference. Several Board members also noted that the current high cost of gasoline could not have been factored into the budget a year ago. There were further comments among Board members that while the Admin/travel/gas line may very well exceed its budgeted amount, there would be little concern about this as long as the bottom line of the budget balanced. On a motion by Robin Brooks, second by Ken Gunselman, the transaction report dated 2/8/05 through 3/22/05 was approved. Motion passed.

IV. Updated Personnel Policy: Personnel policy changes discussed previously by the Executive Committee were brought to the full Board. On a motion by Steven Hunt, second by Robin Brooks, the proposed personnel policy changes were approved. Motion passed.

Discussion among Board members then followed, with NLC's Richard Miller also providing input. On a friendly motion by Steve Hunt, second by Rebecca Bernthal, the additional changes were approved:

In Section II, item E, *in all instances in this item, the term probation was replaced with the term introductory.*

In Section V, item B, *the second sentence of the fifth paragraph will read as follows: Accrued vacation hours should not total more than twice the annually earned vacation hours according to service time.* Motion passed.

V. Capitol Expenses: All systems were notified by Rod Wagner that there may be funds available for capitol purchases. Brenda asked for ideas from Board members that she could include in her request. Some possible expenditures could include: upgrading Brenda's computer, replacing a copier, and adding more professional resources to SELS library for member use.

VI. Board Nominations: The system Board will remain at 13 members. Nomination forms will be included in the upcoming SoLiS, and ballots will be due back before the annual meeting.

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

VII. Administrator's Report: There will be a Bricks and Boards Workshop at Concordia College in Seward on June 13, 2005. This is a cooperative effort among the state's Library Systems. Brenda has been the contact for program presenters for this workshop. See Administrator's report for full details.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 1:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

VIII. NLC Report: Richard Miller reported on a newly created computer technician position. This position will initially be funded by the Gates Foundation, with the condition that NLC will be responsible for that cost later. He also mentioned that his office has been looking into health benefits available through the American Library Association. The Board adjourned at 2:45 p.m. and met in committees.

IX. Committee Meetings: The Board reconvened at 3:00 p.m. to report on their discussions. Rebecca Bernthal reported for the CP Committee, indicating that members have agreed on what to put into the welcome packets. She noted that Jenni had provided member/non-member information and that they are formatting information about library related acronyms. Robin Brooks reported for the CE Committee, mentioning upcoming workshops (Bricks & Boards, Training Extravaganza, and the joint NEMA/NLA effort). There was some discussion regarding the sessions which will be sponsored by SELS and by CASTL at NLA's fall conference.

X. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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