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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

July/August 2009

SOWINGS

Ethics and Falsification

Pat Wagner, of Pattern Research in Denver (www.pattern.com), has become a favorite as a visiting trainer for continuing education in Nebraska. During June she provided workshops in Lincoln and Omaha that dealt with the topic of ethics. It's something I think we try and avoid talking about, but a subject that requires regular conversation in helping guide the way we conduct ourselves and services through the library.

Pat shared the 4 Pillars of Library Ethics, and then provided examples of each. We were then encouraged to add to the list of examples under each pillar. It made for a great exercise, and something you could replicate in a staff or board meeting, by filling in examples currently on the radar in your own library community:

1. Transparency

- Written rules for library users and staff
- Open meeting laws followed in spirit
- Timely communication
- Everyone has access to same services

2. Equal Treatment

- No special class of library users
- No insiders regarding contracts
- No special privileges for staff or board

3. Privacy

- No discussions of individual library users' reading
- No sharing of records without court orders
- Refrain from comments on usage
- No discussions of personnel issues

4. Access of Information for All

- Library is safe for people with disabilities
- Well-lit and clean
- Outreach initiatives: immigrants, literacy...
- Computer classes

Another valuable part of the day's discussion focused on when staff respond to a situation in a manner that differs from the rules. Ideally,

1. Break rules when they move you closer to the strategic plan and goals of the library.
2. Document it and tell a supervisor.
3. The supervisor thanks the person for using judgment in dealing with the situation and then takes information to a decision making group.
4. A decision is made concerning the action. It may mean a policy change or it may not.
5. The decision is communicated with everyone.
6. Aim for consistency as an institution. The same standards for everyone. Fair and transparent.



Here are other ideas from the workshop that I found useful to consider:

- Education takes people beyond their own experience.
- Believe in a marketplace of ideas – you may be right and I may be wrong.
- Ethics is about questions – it's an open process, without one right answer.

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- The law and real life are different but we need fair and consistent.
- A mistake we make is thinking people who have different views from us are not ethical.
- The United States is a republic with a democratic process.
- Moods and feelings are self indulgent.
- The Bill of Rights was in place before publicly funded schools and libraries.
- Truth is not a democracy. A majority opinion does not make the earth flat, or square or round.
- A good strategic plan gives you information to make hard choices.
- The hard thing is usually the right thing.
- Ethics is a constant process.
- Use “Friendly Formal” for meetings where you discuss difficult issues, and set ground rules before you start.
- The downside of judgment is prejudice.
- Use falsification, rather than verification. In other words, don’t build up arguments to support an issue, but rather try and disprove when researching – test the idea.
Question: How do you ensure that you are looking for accurate truths, rather than collecting evidence that you are right?
- “How interesting” and “Tell me more” are good phrases to put into conversations.
- In ethical situations sometimes a person wins based on who is likable not necessarily on who is right.
- Ethics is not something you do alone.

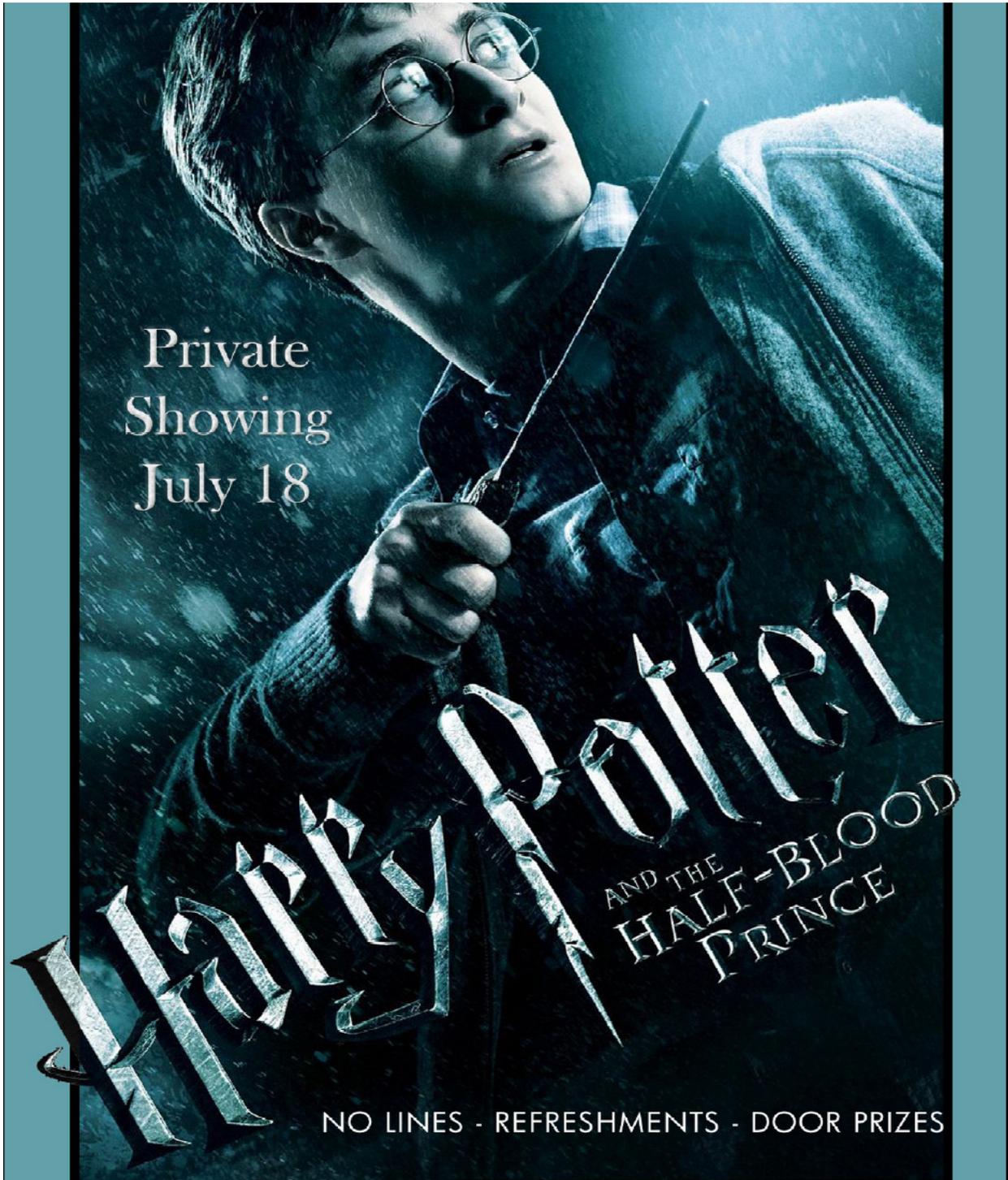
Tell Me More...

**How
Interesting...**

Pat shared an interesting excerpt from Laird Wilcox’s book: *Nazis, Communists, Klansmen, and Others on the Fringe: Political Extremism in America*. In it are listed 22 traits of extremists, which would make for another great exercise to review, alone or in a group. If you’d like a copy, let us know – we’d be glad to share. Pat also provided other handouts that included: a model for group process to help ensure the best from each participant in small groups; guidelines for leading and participating in a focus group; sample guidelines for meetings; an ethics cheat sheet; governance and decision making – questions for the process; details for using falsification versus verification as a method for research and decision making and a fabulous bibliography on American ethics, compiled from individuals with opposing viewpoints. If you’d like a copy of any of these handouts – let us know. Our thanks to Pat Wagner and Pattern Research, and her willingness to share information.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator

Peg Smith, former Perkins Library Director at Doane College from 1974 to 2007, died May 21st. Peggy joined the Doane College faculty as Director of Perkins Library in 1974 and retired in 2007. She led the transformation of the library into the electronic age of information retrieval. She was active among academic librarians in Nebraska and led the development of a resource sharing plan for journals (PICKLE) and played a significant role in the development of the shared library automation system for the Nebraska Independent College Library Consortium. In 1989, Peg received a distinguished service award from the College and University Section of the Nebraska Library Association. Prior to her service at Doane College, Peg was an extension librarian with the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia, MO; reference coordinator for the Nebraska Library Commission, and assistant to the librarian at the Crete Public Library.



Private
Showing
July 18

HARRY POTTER

AND THE
HALF-BLOOD
PRINCE

NO LINES - REFRESHMENTS - DOOR PRIZES

Saturday, July 18
9:00 a.m.
(doors open at 8:45)

SouthPointe Cinema
2920 Pine Lake Road
Lincoln, NE

Reserve your seat by July 15 and SAVE!

Reservations: \$7.50 for SELS Friends members
\$10.00 for Non-members

Walk-in price: \$12.50 for everyone

All admissions will be paid for at the door.
To reserve a seat in advance, email info@selsfriends.org



A Fundraiser for the Southeast Library System Friends

Southeast Library System



July

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

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

July 18th – Harry Potter movie showing with the SELS Friends, South Pointe, www.selsfriends.org.

July 20th – 24th – Nebraska Library Leadership Institute at St. Benedicts in Schuyler.

July 21st – Database Roadshow 2009 at Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N St., Lincoln) from 9:30 to 3 p.m.

July 25th – Literature Festival in Norfolk.



July 31st – Joint CASTL Meeting with Trustees in DeWitt. Extend an invitation to your library board members to join us for an Ethics discussion for Continuing Education, and read your choice of a “classic” as a part of the book discussion.

August



August 26th – SELS Board & Planning Meeting at Stauffer’s Café, Lincoln, 9:30 a.m.



August 28th – CASTL meeting in Falls City – Julie Pinnell will be providing training on providing information through online resources. Book discussion theme, Beach reads, and round robin in the afternoon.

September

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month – a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that the most important school supply of all is @ your library® -- it’s your library card. For more information including logos, press releases and more go to: www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/publicawareness/alainitiatives/otherinitiatives/card/librarycard.cfm.

September 15th – NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Librarians) meeting at Nebraska State Penitentiary.



September 24th – CASTL meeting at Virgil Biegert Public Library in Shickley. John Felton (NLC) will be joining us to talk about the Public Library Statistical Report and Bibliostat. Book discussion theme, Autumn reads, and round robin in the afternoon.



Teen Read Week®

Get ready to Read Beyond Reality @ your library! Teen Read Week™ 2009 registration is open at www.ala.org/teenread. Check out the updated Teen Read Week website for tips on planning your event and publicizing Teen Read Week in your community. Teen Read Week is October 18-24, 2009, with a theme of Read Beyond Reality@ your library, encouraging teens to read something out of this world, just for the fun of it.

**Mark
Your Calendars**

Midwest 21st Century School Librarians' Conference

June 14 - 15, 2010

Omaha, Nebraska

**Conference & Registration Information
Coming Soon!**

Keynote Speakers:

Cassandra Barnett

President-Elect, American Association of School Librarians (AASL)

Pam Berger

Publisher and Editor of Information Searcher

& Author of *Internet for Active Learners* (ALA Editions)

Brought to you by the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Library Media Programs
in partnership with the Nebraska Educational Media Association and the University of Nebraska - Kearney Library Media Program

Upcoming SELS Events

July 31 — CASTL in DeWitt. Bring your trustees for CE and read a “classic” to booktalk.

September 10-11 — Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling.

October 28 — Good Grief Preconference sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems.

October 29 — One Book, Many Librarians at Conference. *Playing with the Enemy* with author, and NLA/NEMA keynoter, Gary W. Moore.

Get a Head Start



Summer Reading is in full swing at the **Fairmont Public Library**. Crafts galore and lots of fun. The picture to the right is of one week's fun making Trivets out of ceramic tile.

The top picture is having fun with the Wii (*which was on loan from the System office, email Jenni: jennip@windstream.net to get your name on the borrowing list*).

-Wanda Marget, Director



2009 marks 125 years for **Bruun Memorial Library** in Humboldt, and it's being celebrated with a variety of contests, guessing games and events. In May, the month the library originally opened, 29 quilts were on display, book-bling (a beaded book mark) was given away and several visual scavenger hunts were held. On May 18 the library had an open house, with mini-cupcakes, punch and coffee. The library is also challenging its patrons to read 125 books in honor of the

quasiquintennial, and those who do will be recognized in December. Though it's hard to believe, several people, from age 3 to age 78, have already finished 125 books. (One of the librarians has made it to 75).

Pictured: Linda Werts, Library Board, and Bev Slama, assistant/children's librarian, on either side of Jorene.

-Jorene Herr, Director

Children's author and illustrator Rosemary Wells visited **Lincoln Public Schools** May 7th and 8th. Wells writing career spans over 40 years and 126 books. She stressed the importance of reading aloud to children. She cited a study in Birmingham, England where 300 children were read to everyday from the age of six months till they entered kindergarten. All of these children were two grade levels above the other kindergarten students when they entered school. Wells reminded her audiences that children spell love - T-I-M-E. For more information about Wells recommendations for parents, you can read her book - *My Shining Star: Raising a Child Who Is Ready to Learn* and download a free poster at <http://rosemarywells.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/05/myshiningstar6x17.jpg>.

-Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln Public Schools District Office



Conestoga Elementary School in Murray had a Black Tie Affair event: the students who paid 10 Accelerated Reader tickets made a reservation to attend. The students dressed in black and white and wore a tie if they had one. We learned the etiquette of being a host/hostess and a guest. The students were taught about proper table settings, proper use of napkins, how to properly visit with table mates, and how best to use their chair at a formal dinner party. We also learned about and practiced three etiquette based ways to eat pizza and how to select pizza from the serving plate or even the delivery box.

We also had two Dewey Decimal Events. The 600 Event found us enjoying two cooking shows: The Cheese Cake Man presented by two Sixth Grade boys. We also laughed harder than we had for a long time when the Happy Chef made Rice Crispy Bars. The Happy Chef was our Superintendent Mark Severing, who supplied his head and arms disguised as the Happy Chef's legs and shoes, and our Principal

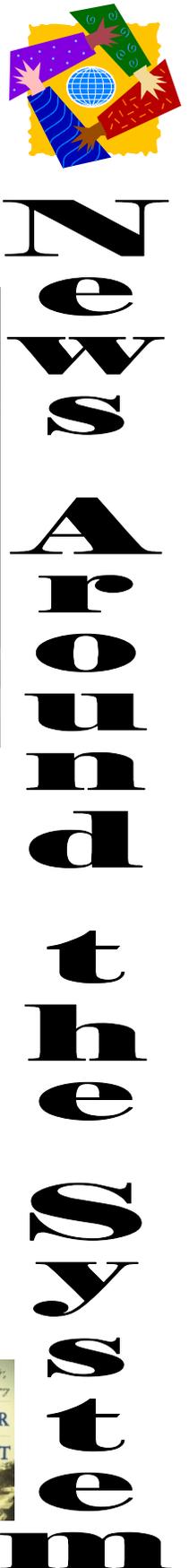
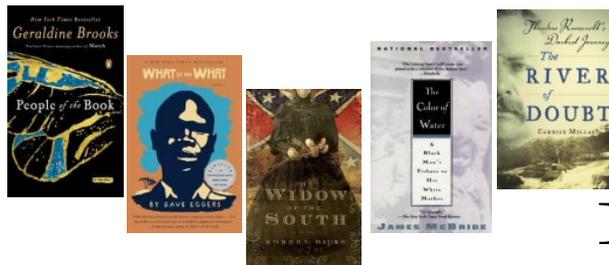


Eric Dennis who supplied the arms and hands of the Happy Chef. There was not a student or staff member who will forget to go to the 600 section of the library for cookbooks.

The 700 Event found us enjoying soft piano music in the library provided by Renee' Thakur, a very active and involved parent here at Conestoga. We were thrilled when a three man band made up of 3 sixth grade boys, their two body guards, a manager, and ONE song took time to play for us. We were fortunate enough to hear THE song twice. I taught the audience about the history of applause and concert etiquette. Next year we will have more Dewey Decimal Events as these were so well received.

-Jan Madsen, Conestoga Elementary Librarian

One Book One Lincoln Finalists:
The People of the Book- Geraldine Brooks
What is the What?- Dave Eggers
Widow of the South- Robert Hicks
The Color of Water-James McBride
The River of Doubt-Candice Miller





Be Creative @ Your Library

Seward Memorial Library Finds Creative Partners in Seward

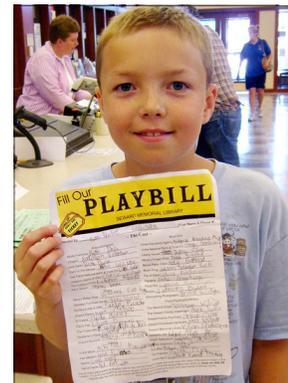
Children in the Seward community discovered creative people and places during an off-site week in June. Seward Memorial Library partnered with staff at Concordia University and Seward High School as well as a local business to give the children an opportunity to be creative. One afternoon was spent touring the art department at Concordia and



participating in an art experience. Children returned to Concordia for a visit to the theater. The director gave the children an informative tour of the stage, dressing room, and costume and props area. Several drama students introduced the group to some creative theater games, enabling the children to perform on the

stage. Shelly Smetter invited the children to join her at her dance studio where she taught them a couple of dance routines to some popular songs. Finally the children spent an hour on the Seward High School football field learning about the marching band. During the week the participants in the Summer Reading Program were touched by many creative people who enriched their library experience.

Seward Memorial Library involves the entire community in the Summer Library Reading Program. Each summer the library staff works to create a promotion which stretches to include local businesses. This year posters were designed featuring the portraits of famous creative individuals. "Fill Our Playbill" program sheets, available in the library, ask participants to visit over 40 businesses and fill in the cast of actors, actresses, dancers, musicians, and playwrights as they seek out the posters provided by the library. Completed programs are returned to the library for a random drawing for \$100 cash provided by the Friends of Seward Library as well as other donated door prizes. People of all ages enjoy this promotion and families make memories spending the day together visiting Seward's retailers. The Summer Reading Club finale has extra interest as the winners of the "Playbill" promotion are announced at this event. "Be Creative @ Your Library" applies to our staff as well as our summer program.



-Charlotte Baldinger, Library Assistant

News and Notes



Nebraska Public Library Statistical Survey

Preliminary results of the 2007-2008 Nebraska Public Library Statistical Survey are now available for downloading from www.nlc.state.ne.us/statistics/statlist.html. There is only one file as yet, in Microsoft Excel 2003® format that includes data from all Nebraska libraries. For more information about Nebraska library statistics, contact John Felton, NLC Planning and Data Services Coordinator at: jfelton@nlc.state.ne.us, 402.471.3216, 800.307.2665.

Barnes & Noble Offer

Hilary Sire, Community Relations Manager at Barnes & Noble SouthPointe in Lincoln, Nebraska is extending the following offer to all Nebraska libraries:

“The Barnes & Noble Institutional Discount Program entitles your library to receive 20-25% off your purchases, while receiving the personalized customer service that has made us the leading bookseller in America. There is no minimum purchase requirement for this program. Purchases of \$0-\$4,999 receive a 20% discount and orders of \$5000 or more receive a 25% discount.

As your personal booksellers, we are available via telephone, fax or email to answer questions and receive your orders. We will provide price quotes, research titles, recommend new releases, order your books, track their arrival, box them up, and ship them to your library for no additional charge. We may be reached at:

- Hilary Sire, Community Relations Manager, Barnes & Noble SouthPointe, 2910 Pine Lake Road, Lincoln NE 68516, 402.421.0875, crm2939@bn.com
- Jennifer Jackson, Lead Bookseller, Barnes & Noble SouthPointe, 2910 Pine Lake Road, Lincoln NE 68516, 402.421.7979
- Marcia Jussel, Community Relations Manager, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 3333 Oakview Drive, Omaha, NE 68144, 402.691.4557, voicemail: 402.333.7942, crm2662@bn.com

This program allows you to pay for purchases with the institutional purchase card, check, credit card or cash. We look forward to receiving your business and delivering the resources you need with the excellent personalized customer service you deserve!”

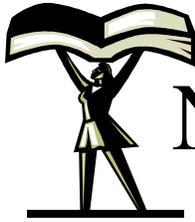
Kids! @ your library®

We realize many of you may be close to wrapping up your summer reading programs – but we want to remind you of some great resources and tools through the Association for Library



Service to Children (ALSC) – one of which is the Kids! @ your library® Campaign that can be used year round. Singer and storyteller, Bill Harley, composed a song especially for this campaign. You can find versions online, as well as a public service announcement and other ideas for using in your library and community and as some fun promotion of

library services to kids and their families at: www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/initiatives/kidscampaign/kidssong.cfm.



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2009 Nebraska Book Festival

www.nebraskabookfestival.org

The 2009 Nebraska Book Festival will be held in downtown Lincoln, Nebraska, at the **Nebraska State Historical Society Museum of Nebraska History on November 14, 2009**. The Nebraska Book Festival is **free and open to the public** with no pre-registration required except for the festival luncheon. The festival includes an address by a keynote speaker, panel discussions, writing workshops, roundtable discussions, poetry and prose readings, book sales, and other events for both readers and writers.

2009 One Book One Nebraska Resources

Nebraska Library Commission has a VHS available (in multiple copies) for use - if folks are planning programs around the One Book/One Nebraska, this may be of interest: the tape contains two versions of a biography of Bess Streeter Aldrich. The first (18 min.) is an abridged version of the second (42 min.). Carol Miles Petersen introduces and concludes both versions. Details of Aldrich's personal life and writing career are narrated against a background of photographs depicting her family, homes, works and related events.

OCLC Updates

This is a reminder: June 30th was NEBASE's last official day as an OCLC network.

Remember, your final NEBASE billing for June will be sent by us around the middle of July. Future invoices for OCLC products and services (except for CatExpress, WebDewey, and NetLibrary) will come from BCR.

Christa Burns will continue to coordinate group purchases of CatExpress, WebDewey, and NetLibrary. She will use the CatExpress-L and Systems mailing groups to communicate with you regarding these products and services.

For all other OCLC products and services as well as technical support, you will need to contact:

*Ordering, renewals, billing—When you contact BCR, 1-800-397-1552 or support@bcr.org, you will talk with Chris Cook, Ellie Nowicki, or Marisa Wood.

*BCR Communications regarding OCLC—Check out <http://bcr.org/news.html> to subscribe to their newsletter, sign up for RSS feeds, and find other timely information.

*Technical support—You will call OCLC Support, 1-800-848-5800, or e-mail support@oclc.org

*Training opportunities—Check out BCR: <http://bcr.org/training/indexhtml>, and OCLC (for listings from all Partners): <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/supportandtraining>

The Network Services Department at the Library Commission will continue as the Technology and Access Services Department as of today. Communications regarding trials, discounts, and other programs will continue on the Trial-L mailing list and the Library Commission's NCompass Blog, <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/nlc/index.html>.

Thank you for your support of NEBASE over the last 33 years.

-Devra Dragos, Technology and Access Services Director, Nebraska Library Commission

News and Notes



NLA Awards Nominations Wanted

Please visit the Nebraska Library Association's Sections and Round Tables' websites for more information.

- Paras: **Paraprofessional of the Year**, due by July 31: www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paraofyear.html
- PLTS: **Excalibur Award**, due by August 1, www.nebraskalibraries.org/PLTS/awards.html
- SCYP: **Mad Hatter Award**, due by August 1, www.nebraskalibraries.org/SCYP/MadHatter.html
- S & I: **Special and Institutional Promotional Award**, due by August 1, www.nebraskalibraries.org/SANDI/specialaward.html
- NMRT: **Houchen Bindery Mentor of the Year**, due by September 1, www.nebraskalibraries.org/NMRT/awards.php
- NMRT: **Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional**, due by September 1, www.nebraskalibraries.org/NMRT/awards.php
- C & U: **Distinguished Service Award**, due by October 1, www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/awardsgrants/awards/award-nominations.html

2009 Books for Children Grants

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting application for 2009 Books for Children grants. The next deadline is August 15.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization that donates new, quality, hard-cover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. **The Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to- ratio.** A library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books.

The final deadline for 2009 grants is August 15, with grants being awarded August 31. Visit www.librifoundation.org for application guidelines and forms.

State Aid Payments

The Nebraska Library Commission paid \$388,164 in direct state aid to Nebraska public libraries (including Dollars for Data and other special incentive awards) in 2008. To be eligible for state aid, libraries must be accredited by the Nebraska Library Commission, submit their Public Library Statistical Report online using Web-based Bibliostat (TM) Collect, and local funding must be equal to or greater than that of the three previous years.

One hundred and seventy-one Nebraska libraries earned state aid payments and seventy-eight libraries earned additional payments to acknowledge their achievement of enhanced or excellent accreditation status. Libraries are accredited at one of three levels: essential, enhanced, or excellent. Each level represents increased expectations regarding funding, hours open, and programs and services offered. The Library Commission paid an additional \$675 to each library with excellent accreditation and \$225 for enhanced status. Eighty-five libraries received additional direct state aid payments based on the amount of additional funds received from another public entity. A total of \$32,718 was distributed during 2008 as 1% incentive aid payments for those libraries.

For more information, contact Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission Library Development Director, 402-471-3175 or 800-307-2665; rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us.

Read Aloud Nebraska has put together some free promotional Public Service announcements for libraries to download. Please go to: www.readaloudnebraska.org/ibbtcgllw/psa.html to download these ads—perfect for newsletters, newspapers, and flyers.

The average child watches **28 hours of TV a week**, almost **three times** the dosage recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

www.readaloudnebraska.org

TV viewing frequency	Percentage
1 hr. or less daily	40%
1-2 hrs. daily	31%
2-3 hrs. daily	19%
3 hours or more daily	10%

Source: Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, July 2005

Read Aloud Nebraska **Read aloud to your child.**

Those who read the most, **read the best.**

www.readaloudnebraska.org

What a child does outside of school effects their reading comprehension and vocabulary

Activity	Negative	Positive
Chores	Yes	No
Homework	No	Yes
TV viewing	Yes	No
Listening to music	Yes	No
Hobbies	No	Yes
Reading a book	No	Yes
Reading periodicals	No	Yes
Family dining	Yes	No

Richard Anderson, Linda Fielding, and Paul Wilson, "Growth in Reading and How Children Spend Their Time Outside of School," *Reading Research Quarterly*, Summer 1988, pp. 285-303.

Read Aloud Nebraska

Who has a better chance of influencing a child's reading habits?

www.readaloudnebraska.org

At the end of Kindergarten a child has been in school a total of 700 hours. That same child has spent 52,000 hours outside of school.

Parents can make a difference. Read aloud to your child!

Location	Hours
in school	700 hours
outside school	52,000 hours

Source: Gerald W. Bracey, "Time Outside School," *Phi Delta Kappan*, Sept. 1991, p. 88.

Read Aloud Nebraska

Three children will show up for kindergarten on the same day, but one will have heard **32 million fewer words.**

www.readaloudnebraska.org

Read to your child!

Socioeconomic Level	Total Words (in millions)
professional	45
working class	26
poverty	13

Source: Hart and Risley, "Meaningful Differences in the Everyday Experience of Young American Children," 1996.

Read Aloud Nebraska

CCC Offering Statewide Online Program in Library, Info Services

Central Community College is offering a new statewide online program for Nebraskans who want to work in libraries.

Students in the new library and information services (LIS) program will develop practical skills in acquisition, processing and circulation of all types of information resources. The focus will be on library management in small rural libraries as well as assistance in large more urban resource centers.

The LIS program replaces one that was offered jointly by Nebraska's six community colleges, with each college offering one or two courses online.

Dr. Dianna Parmley, dean of educational services at Central Community College-Columbus, said, "The quality of the course work was excellent but there were some logistical problems for students taking courses from several colleges, particularly when it came to financial aid opportunities."

Dr. Eric Jones, dean of educational services at CCC--Grand Island, developed a proposal for the college to offer all of the library information courses and make them available statewide. The chief instructional officers' council of the Nebraska Community College Association approved the proposal last summer.

Students completing the six LIS courses offered online by CCC will receive a certificate from the college and will meet Nebraska Library Commission requirements for Nebraska Public Librarian certification. The library courses were developed in cooperation with the Nebraska Library Commission.

"We've been delighted that CCC is stepping up to give this program some good central coordination and leadership," said Rod Wagner, director of the Nebraska Library Commission. "This is an important program because it provides education across the state for people interested in working in Nebraska libraries and provides a way for them to become certified."

Participants who complete the program will meet library commission requirements to work in a small Nebraska library. Public libraries must have a certified librarian to be eligible for state grants and for federal funds administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

By completing additional requirements from Central Community College, students can earn an associate of arts degree designed to transfer to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, which offers three options for LIS transfer students. Questions regarding options at UNO can be directed to Dr. Rebecca Pasco, director of the library science program at rpasco@mail.unomaha.edu.

Library and information services courses offered by Central Community College will be available online when the 2009 fall semester begins in August.

For course descriptions, go to www.cccneb.edu/LIS. For information about enrolling in the program, contact Mary Young at CCC-Columbus at (402) 562-1296; toll-free at 1-877-222-0780, ext. 1296; or by e-mail at myoung@cccneb.edu.

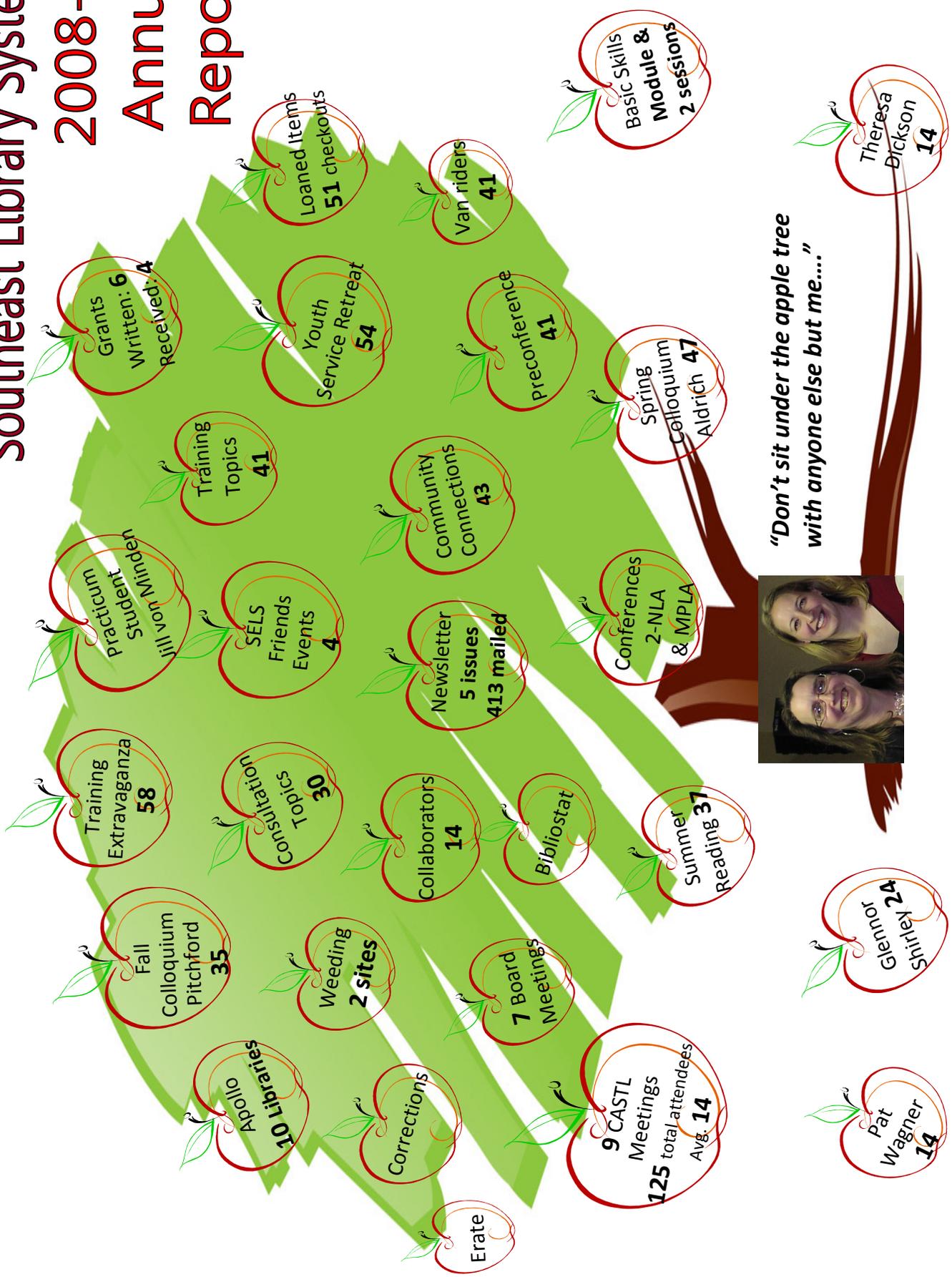


ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS

Fall	
LIBR 1010	Foundations of Library and Information Services*
LIBR 2210	Cataloging and Classification
LIBR 2250	Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies
Spring	
LIBR 1010	Foundations of Library and Information Services*
LIBR 2150	Managing Collections in Libraries & Information Agencies
LIBR 2990	Library Science Capstone Practicum**
Summer	
LIBR 1010	Foundations of Library and Information Services*
LIBR 2100	Reference Resources and Services

*First Course in Program,
**Last Course in Program, All Classes 3 Credits

Southeast Library System's 2008-09 Annual Report



"Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me...."





Glennor Shirley



4 Male Librarians at YSR



What we wore on our feet at Stacey Aldrich Colloquium



Summer Reading with Alice Boeckman and Sally Snyder



April CASTL Meeting at James Arthur Vineyards

Out of the Ordinary

1. Tajikistan Librarians
2. Casino Night fundraiser for NLA Legacy Fund
3. Lawyers for Libraries
4. KZUM Banned Books interview
5. Nebraska Book Award for Poetry
6. Meritorious Service Award
7. READ Posters – Nebraska Senators
8. BS Pilot Migration to Modules
9. New Directors – Cindy Mumford, Karen Fox, Pat Leach; Retirement Carol Connor
10. Star Libraries – Geneva, Syracuse, Wymore – Library Journal



Book Talking Little Brother at Training Extravaganza





2008-2009 Annual Summaries



Community Connections in Southeast Nebraska (i.e. Visits, Loans, 1:1 Consultation):

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| 1. Talmage | 16. Camp Carol Joy Holling | 31. Palmyra |
| 2. Nebraska City | 17. Gresham | 32. Humboldt |
| 3. Brownville | 18. Beatrice | 33. Bruning |
| 4. Wymore | 19. Auburn | 34. Syracuse |
| 5. York | 20. Stella | 35. Western |
| 6. Capitol – Senators | 21. Dawson | 36. Nebraska State Penitentiary |
| 7. Plattsmouth | 22. LCL – Lincoln | 37. Lincoln Regional Center |
| 8. Tecumseh | 23. Concordia – Seward | 38. Youth Retention Treatment
Center – Geneva |
| 9. Geneva | 24. Pawnee City | 39. Lincoln Public Schools |
| 10. Shickley | 25. Johnson | 40. Falls City |
| 11. Crete | 26. Louisville | 41. Wesleyan – Lincoln |
| 12. Aurora | 27. Fairbury | |
| 13. Greenwood | 28. Elmwood | |
| 14. James Arthur Vineyards | 29. Friend | |
| 15. Seward | 30. Milford | |



Training Topics:

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| 1. Open Meeting Law | 13. Comic & Graphic Novels | 29. Newsletter Design |
| 2. Humor | 14. Read Posters | 30. Online Resources |
| 3. Bibliostat Collect & Connect | 15. Lapsit & Storytelling | 31. OCLC & NEBASE |
| 4. Future Search | 16. Book Reviews | 32. Green Design |
| 5. Dates for Directors | 17. Vod & Pod Casting | 33. Spreadsheets |
| 6. Consumer Product Safety
Commission Lead Law | 18. Change | 34. Serving the Underserved –
Inmates, institutions, public |
| 7. Weeding | 19. E-rate | 35. Library ethics |
| 8. Golden Sower K-3 Book Re-
views | 20. 50 + | 36. Basic Skills Administration |
| 9. Future Thinking & Future of
Libraries | 21. Supervision | 37. Basic Skills Public Service |
| 10. Welcome Stranger: Global
Village | 22. Summer Reading | 38. One Book Many Librarians |
| 11. Library Thing/Shelfari | 23. Gangs | 39. Intellectual Freedom |
| 12. GLBT issues | 24. Personnel | 40. Political Influence & Issues |
| | 25. Google Tools | 41. Author Talks/Visits |
| | 26. Disasters | 42. Book Talks-various |
| | 27. Speed Reviews | |
| | 28. Power Point | |
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Collaborators/Partners:

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| 1. Biblionix – Apollo | 6. Creighton | 10. Eastern Library System (ELS) |
| 2. Future Search | 7. UNL | 11. Nebraska Library Assoc. |
| 3. Nebraska Library Commission | 8. Nebraska Dept. of Correctional Services (NDCS) | 12. ACLU Nebraska |
| 4. UNO | 9. Nebraska Regional Library Systems (NRLS) | 13. AFCON—Academic Freedom Coalition of NE |
| 5. Bellevue University | | 14. Doane College – Lincoln |



Consultation Topics:

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| 1. Labeling | 11. Computer Security | 22. Evaluations |
| 2. Children's & Youth Services | 12. ILL (interlibrary loan) | 23. Censorship |
| 3. WiFi | 13. Privacy & Confidentiality | 24. Certification |
| 4. Large print | 14. Nebraskard | 25. Accreditation |
| 5. Apollo | 15. Establishing a public library | 26. Open Source |
| 6. Liability | 16. Service dogs | 27. Policies |
| 7. Furnishings | 17. Fundraising | 28. County Funding |
| 8. Salaries, benefits, vacation, sick leave | 18. Computer troubleshooting | 29. Reconsideration & Challenge Forms |
| 9. Bookdrops | 19. Automation Systems | 30. Joint Facilities |
| 10. Summer Reading | 20. Bibliostat | |
| | 21. e-rate | |



The Nebraska delegation at National Library Legislative Day 09

Back row from left to right:

Brenda Ealey, Administrator, Southeast Library System (Lincoln); Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), Rod Wagner, Director, Nebraska Library Commission (Lincoln); Jenni Puchalla, Chair, Nebraska Library Association Legislative Committee (Lincoln); Kathleen Tooker, Executive Director, Eastern Library System (Omaha); Jean Ahrens, Commissioner, Nebraska Library Commission (Scottsbluff);

Front row from left to right:

Carol Spencer, Commissioner, Nebraska Library Commission (Borken Bow); Robin Schrack, President, Nebraska Educational Media Association



Southeast Library System Board Meeting
April 17, 2009
Tecumseh Public Library, Tecumseh, NE

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of Nebraska – Lincoln Libraries); Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College); Scott Childers (University of Nebraska – Lincoln Libraries); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office)

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant)

Board Members Absent: Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora)

Meeting Called to order by President Willnerd at 10:08 AM

I. What's New Around the System

(The board experimented with written reports for this meeting.)

Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners) reports that he has been on the road to Cape Girardeau in SE Missouri for delivery of new furnishings at new library building down there. They are ready to move in from the temporary location they have been at for the past year. They are also working on building in Kansas City that is scheduled to be complete physically, but won't have an operating budget until October. They are seeing good response to "going green" (usually LEED standards)

Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library) written report

Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library) written report. She was asked questions about a baseball program held recently. She reported that they had two minor league players, a person who traveled to every MLB park and a other baseball historian come for a program which had a good turn out.

Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center) reports that the Regional Center is making some changes in programming. This will impact library services because there will be different needs and treatments for the residents.

Scott Childers (University of Nebraska – Lincoln Libraries) written report

Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College) written report.

Rebecca Bernthal (University of Nebraska – Lincoln Libraries) reports that UNL Libraries' visiting scholar is Mickey Huff talking about media censorship.

Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office) reports eight media specialists leaving, eight schools will be opening, and various speakers are coming in, including Rosemary Wells on May 7. A new Library Management System has been purchased. LPS will be going with TLC and will be converting in the next three months. LPS is working with 4 cultural centers in Lincoln and got funding for programming there. This pilot family literacy program will provide computer training to parents and reading for their children, pre-K to second grade. The reading selections will focus on books on the culture of the center. (e.g. Vietnamese in Asian center) and adapt to each center's expectations on attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes for February 20, 2009 was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Ruth Carlock. Motion carried.

III. Financial Report

Jenni Puchalla reports that the remainder of bus has yet to paid so that's why that line is low. SELS has received all they expected from the NLC for the fiscal year. Library Journal asked for a subscription renewal earlier than expected, so that explains that line. Overall SELS is at 81% of the year. NLC is still depositing payments for colloquiums directly in the Systems' accounts, so that line will stay in the budget to show the movement of funds out of the SELS account to the dedicated Colloquium account. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Rebecca Bernthal and seconded by Karen Frank. Motion carried.

IV. Administrator's Report

Highlights from Brenda's written report

Service Role 1: Training & Consulting

CASTL meeting in Geneva on February 27 had good turn out.

Meeting in Auburn for librarians in that area with John Felton of the NLC & Brenda. John & Brenda offered assistance and encouragement in filing the bibliostat forms.

Summer Reading Workshop held in Lincoln which had good reviews.

CASTL meeting in Crete on March 20th

MPLA conference on March 31 – April 3 had some really good programs and some ideas for future came to mind. The

"Black Belt Librarian" Warren Graham is already on board for the NLA preconference next year. Brad Meltzer was a great keynote speaker.

Colloquium with Stacy Aldrich was great. 50 people attended and Stacy was fabulous.

Wrote a letter of support for internet access for the librarian at Tecumseh State Correctional Facility

Service Role 2: Consortia Building & Cooperative Approaches to Providing Library Services

March 18 - Met as part of the Library Improvement Grant review team. 22 grants were awarded.

April 8 – Nebraska Regional Library System Administrator's meeting in Aurora.

April 9 – NLC & Systems Quarterly Meeting in Hastings. Topics included: online basic skills course; Gates grants; policy requirements for accreditation; statewide calendar of training; the Systems doing an NCompass live episode; the Western Council collaboration competencies is being phased out, and looking at ALA competencies for basic skills; Plinket website pilots by Michael Sauers to get libraries that don't have websites a presence; stimulus funding watch list

Service Role 3: Promotion

March 17 – attended NLC budget hearing at capitol.

Jenni Puchalla is working on Read poster project with pictures of Nebraska senators for the NLA Legislative Committee.

Service Role 4: Management of SELS Resources

Becky Baker & Brenda met with Rod Wagner & Richard Miller of the NLC about the grant application for a new van. The van will be funded, but not through Library Improvement Grant process.

The LTA program is changing its name to Library & Information Services and will be going through Central Community College now.

A new intern, Jill Von Minden, will be joining the SELS office for a while

Change of email addresses – jennip@windstream.net & bsealey@windstream.net

Upcoming events/meetings:

April 19 - Fairbury Public Library 100th birthday open house

April 23 – CASTL meeting and Aged to Perfection SELS Friends event at James Arthur Vineyards

April 30 & May 1 - Glennor Shirley Workshop

May 8 – NLC Commissioner's meeting

May 11 – May 13 - National Legislative Day

May 15 – NLA C&U Spring Meeting

May 21 – SELS Training Extravaganza at Concordia University

June 11 - Ethics workshop in Lincoln

- A. Prochaska board resignation Misty Prochaska has put forward a letter of resignation from the board. The board feels that the vacancy should be filled in some manner. Motion to accept Misty's resignation with deep regret by Becky Baker and seconded by Tom Schmitz. Motion carried. Motion by Rebecca Bernthal and second by Karen Frank to approach Adam Prochaska as a replacement board member. Motion carried.
- B. Van Purchase Karen Frank, Glenda Willnerd & Becky Baker will help with coming up with updated figures for a replacement van now that we have NLC commitment to assist with funding.
- C. Annual Meeting Location & Date The date was set for June 26. Various ideas for locations were discussed. Looking at Nebraska City and asked Barbara Hegr to set up a day.

V. SELS Friends Report

Becky Baker reports for the friends. Correction to written report – the Iron Librarian event is being held at Platte Valley Antique Mall. The bank balance is favorable. Hilary Sire is coming in to talk about the Barnes & Noble book fair authors.

SELS Friends is promoting the idea for providing scholarships for library training events. Some discussion on parameters and procedure was held. SELS Friends will bring a form to the SELS board next meeting.

Break for lunch at 12:48. Committee meetings began at 1:51 pm. Whole board rejoined at 2:51

Networking Committee – The committee will send invitations to small public libraries and invite to spring training with a coupon for free admission. Then follow-up with introductory packets. A suggestion to print business cards for all the board members, especially for the SELS table at conference. Free admission comes from summer reading line in budget. Ask them to RSVP through 800 number, if they say no, ask why they will not be attending and see if that can be taken care of.

CE – Planning an Apollo session in Crete, explore using Google calendar for region-wide training calendar. An idea was had to set up two weeks in Sept & Aug and do a county by county tour and hope to visit people and talk about SELS and the libraries needs. Targeting Aug 24-28 and Sept 21-25.

Exec Committee will get together at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm

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“It is summer, it is the solstice
the crowd is
cheering, the crowd is laughing
in detail
permanently, seriously
without thought.”

-William Carlos Williams

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