

# CALENDAR

July 2011

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** - NLC Commissioners Meeting from 9:30 to 12:00 at Nebraska Library Commission in the Meadowlark Room. The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, 402-471-2045 or 800-307-2665, or at: [sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

**July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** – Nebraska Library Leadership Institute at St. Benedicts in Schuyler.

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Basic Skills: Library Governance class. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**July 16<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Friends Harry Potter Movie at Edgewood Theater. See page 3.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** CASTL Meeting – **LOCATION CHANGE** – Now meeting at York College, Levitt Library, 1125 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., York. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. We'll talk about disaster planning and we'll also bring the SELS iPad for attendees to try out. We also encourage you to read *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins – chosen by teens as their favorite book in the YALSA poll for 2010, or any or all of the titles in the *Hunger Games* trilogy, including the final book – *Mockingjay*. Or read one of the other titles in the top 10 list, which include *City of Glass* by Cassandra Clare; *Heist Society* by Ally Carter, *Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater; *Hush, Hush* by Becca Fitzpatrick; *Beautiful Creatures* by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl; *Along for the Ride* by Sarah Dessen; *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman; *Fire* by Kristin Cashore; and *Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson. You can find more information on the list at: [www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/ttt10.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/ttt10.cfm).

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board & Planning Meeting at Freeman Public Schools in Adams. Meeting starts at 10 a.m.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>** – Norfolk Public Library's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Literature Festival – For more info go to: [www.nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2011litfestflyer.pdf](http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2011litfestflyer.pdf) and [www.nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2011litfestprogram.pdf](http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2011litfestprogram.pdf) or see page 7.

**August 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills: Leadership class. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**August 11<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL meeting at Bruun Memorial Library in Humboldt starting at 10:00 a.m. We'll view a program from the PLA 2011 Virtual Spring Symposium "The Sustainable Library" with Joan Frye Williams and George Needham and their set of questions for testing the sustainability of both existing and proposed library programs and services. For this month's book discussion, we invite you to read *This Book is Overdue: How Librarians Save Us All* by Marilyn Johnson. There will also be a round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – Pawnee City Public Library Grand Opening.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Services Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp. Mark your calendars! Details coming soon!



# AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

## Watch the Final Harry Potter Movie with the SELS Friends



We hope to see you at the July 16 private showing of the final Harry Potter movie in 3-D. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2* will show at the Edgewood Cinema in Lincoln at 9:00 a.m. that day. For more information, especially on how to receive discounted pricing, please see <http://selsfriends.org/hp2011movieposter.pdf>.

### SELS Friends Scholarship

The SELS Friends scholarship is once again available. This is the third time the Friends are offering assistance to SELS members who wish to attend a continuing education event, but need a little financial help. Complete information can be found by visiting [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org), then clicking on the Scholarship link on the left side of the page. You will find both the criteria and the actual online application there. Up to 5% of the current SELS Friends assets, or \$150 for 2011-12, may be expended for scholarships during each half of the year. The amount of the scholarship(s) awarded depends on the number and quality of applications that are received by the deadline of August 12, 2011. The next application window will open in

January, 2012. Address any questions about this to [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org), and as always, thanks for your support of the SELS Friends!

### SELS Friends Annual Meeting

The SELS Friends Board of Directors will remain the same following elections this spring. The five members of the Board will choose officers at their annual meeting, scheduled for July 16 at The Parthenon Restaurant in Lincoln following the movie event. The annual membership meeting, to which all SELS Friends members are invited, will take place then as well.

The June 11 book fair at Barnes and Noble/ South Pointe earned about \$110 for SELS. We hope to improve this showing at a second 2011 book fair, scheduled for November 25.

Cookbooks will remain for sale until the first (and only) printing is gone – get yours now! They are only \$10 and, as always, your support in this and all other SELS Friends endeavors is greatly appreciated!

### Important Dates At A Glance:

- July 16:** Showing of the last Harry Potter movie at Edgewood Cinema, Lincoln, 9:00.
- October 6-7:** NLA/NEMA Conference, Lincoln. Be sure to stop by the SELS Friends table!
- November 25:** Barnes and Noble Book Fair at South Pointe

# News Around the System

## Trees Sprout in the Children’s Library at Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City



Over the past year updates to the Children’s Library have transformed it into a colorful, inviting space. Child size furniture greets the children as they enter the library and bright colors have been added to the

walls, including children’s hand prints on the back wall.

The latest additions have been two fabric trees thanks to the monetary support of the Nelson Foundation and the artistic talent of the former high school art teacher Nancy Wurtele. Mrs. Wurtele quilted the tree trunks using traditional methods and trapunto, a technique that involves slitting the underside of the material and filling it with stuffing. The fabric was then painted to look like bark. Each tree has a pocket sewn into it where stuffed birds and animals can view the activities in the Children’s Library.

The tree trunks are topped with leaves that will be changed out depending on the season of the year. Branches will be added to the trees in the winter.

## A Record Breaking Summer For Auburn Memorial Library



record breaking the first week with 108 kids. The record was broken again the second week with 112 kids! They have already read 1300 books in two weeks.

The Library staff made copies of the flags of all 192 countries and hung them on the ceiling by the circulation desk.



Kids during the first week of Summer Reading at Auburn Memorial Library

Submitted by Heather Koeneke

Auburn Memorial Library is three weeks into their six-week Summer Reading program. Attendance was



# Taping it to the Limit

by Kirsten Wood

Kids and parents were “Taping it to the Limit” on Saturday, May 21st for Plattsmouth library’s first duct tape wallet program. Everyone made their own wallet using a variety of duct tapes including camouflage, Husker Red, tie dye, and orange. Some of the wallets featured a mixture of four different tapes to add to their uniqueness. Their owners won’t have any trouble identifying those wallets.

Right: Seth and his well made wallet



## Pawnee City Library Book Brigade

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Taelyn Blecha, 2, carries a stack of books to the next in line at Pawnee City library’s move.

June 24th—PAWNEE CITY—Like the fire brigades of old — before the modern engines and ladder trucks when men would hand buckets of water down the line — the people of Pawnee City moved the contents of its old Carnegie Library to its brand new library book by book.

Down the hill, a 60-person chain had the opportunity to review Pawnee City’s 14,000 book catalogue individually.

As each book came off its shelf at the new library, it moved down the line to its new position in the new library. The same books will appear in the same order at the new library, head librarian Mary Friedly said.

“The Seward library did it this way,” Friedly said. “We talked to them and they gave us pointers to do this.”

Two shifts took on the project Friday. An afternoon shift focused on children’s books with a few dozen school-aged kids and younger helping with the effort. Another shift allowed adults to come lend a hand in the evening.

Moving committee chairman John Dahlgren said the library wanted to involve the community in the project.

“We figured this would be a good way to get the kids in town involved, especially with the light books,” Dahlgren said.

When a book’s cover struck a child’s interest, the line halted momentarily until reminders went out that the book could be checked out next week.

Others, older readers, fondly recalled books they had enjoyed from the library in their younger years.

A third shift hopes to complete the project on Saturday.

“We’re hoping,” Dahlgren said.

“Especially if it doesn’t rain.”

Nider’s Thrifway Grocery and True Value donated water for the linemen and women while the Friends of the Library group provided snacks.

**News Around the System**



# Summer Program Stretches Seward Memorial Library Around the World

By Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

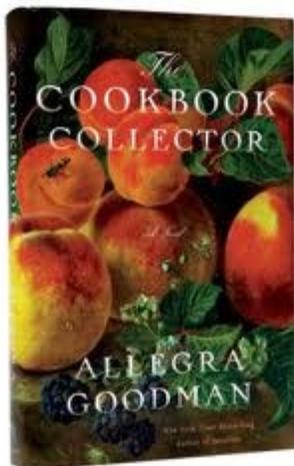
Seward Memorial Library staff is stretching out of their program comfort zone and providing some unique programs for the community this summer. Recently the library discovered two programs which were greeted with much enthusiasm by the children as well as their parents. On a beautiful summer evening the Seward Bandshell was the stage for a variety of fascinating creatures who traveled from The Magical Paradise Exotic Farm in Central City. They brought some of their favorite small animals to Seward including lizards, snakes, tortoises, a baby emu and other birds, several small mammals including a flying squirrel and a chinchilla, and a pot bellied pig. They also shared personal information about their "Animals from Around the World". Families enjoyed the after-program interaction with the animals and staff. A few days later the Civic Center was full of bubbles, gases, concoctions and



reinforced summer reading at the library. More programs are on the July calendar, but our June will not be forgotten.

intriguing experiments as Robert Zook, mad scientist extraordinaire, presented science discoveries from around the world. This program was fascinating and the audience left with new information and a positive science experience. Both presentations

## One Book Many Librarians



We hope you'll join SELS in reading *The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman for this year's One Book Many Librarians book discussion at NLA/NEMA in Lincoln this October. The book includes

a bit of mystery, romance, religion, business, and an underlying dialogue regarding social values. Goodman received a starred review from Publishers Weekly for this title, and is also the author of *Intuition* and *Katerskill Falls*. We hope you'll join us in reading and discussing this year's selection – which is the 8<sup>th</sup> title selected for One Book Many Librarians. Previous years and their selections are listed below:

- 2010 – *The Passage* by Justin Cronin

- 2009 – *Playing With the Enemy* by Gary W. Moore (author present)
- 2008 – *Eventide* by Kent Haruf
- 2007 – *Dead Ex* by Harley Jane Kozak (author present)
- 2006 – *A Perfect Evil* and *A Necessary Evil* by Alex Kava (author present)
- 2005 – *Sleep Toward Heaven* by Amanda Eyre Ward
- 2004 – *Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger

Additionally, the SELS Friends who have assisted in sponsoring the One Book Many Librarians session at Conference have just published the SELS Friends 2011 Cookbook – *Cooking With Friends*. If you'd like to start or contribute to your own cookbook collection by purchasing a copy, let us know at the SELS office or via the SELS Friends website: [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org).



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# Norfolk Public Library's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Literature Festival

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

Saturday, July 30, 2011

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

@ Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning Center

801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE

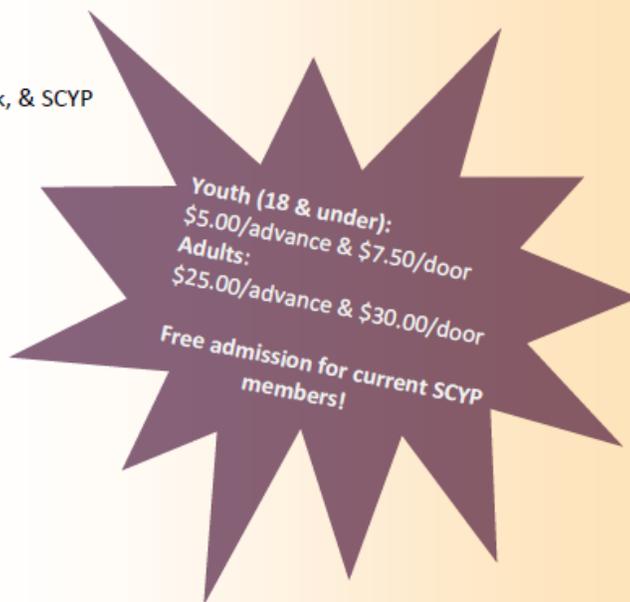
- 2011-2012 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff
- Norfolk Public Library Book Display & Discount Sales including titles by Lewis, Prineas, & Bryant
- Sales of Golden Sower Items
- Autograph Session/Book Signing with J. Patrick Lewis, Sarah Prineas & Jen Bryant
- Door Prizes
- 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians
- 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools

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 to:

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

Make checks payable to "Norfolk Library Foundation-- Literature Festival".

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



## Featuring:

### J. Patrick Lewis



Current U.S. Children's Poet Laureate and 2012 Golden Sower Award nominee for

*Spot the Plot: A Riddle Book of Book Riddles*

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

### Sarah Prineas



2012 Golden Sower Award nominee for *The Magic Thief*

<http://www.sarah-prineas.com/index.html>

### Jen Bryant



2012 Golden Sower Award nominee for *Kaleidoscope Eyes*

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

**A wonderful way to spend the day for literature lovers of all ages!**

# News and Notes



## AASL Minneapolis Bus Ride

It's not a barrel of monkeys, but it will be a bus full of school librarians!

Have you ever attended an AASL National Conference? If not, now's your chance! The conference this year is a mere hop, jump and a skip away!

AASL is in Minneapolis October 27-29. You don't want to miss this opportunity to glean ideas for your program from school librarians representing states across the country!

To help with expenses, NEMA, UNO & UNK are chartering a bus! Here are the details:

Depending on the number of people hopping on, the bus will start in Kearney or Lincoln with a stop in Omaha, before driving us in padded comfort to a fabulous conference! It will leave Lincoln around noon Wednesday, October 26 and return late October 29. This will give everyone an opportunity to recover before heading back to school on Monday.

If there are a minimum of five passengers who would like to board the bus in Kearney, the trip will begin there, keeping passenger pick-up points in Lincoln and Omaha.

Space is limited for this once in a lifetime opportunity! In order to hobnob with fellow school librarians all the way to Minneapolis, **you will need to reserve a seat**. Please send your checks for \$95 to:

Karen Buckley, Pius X High School, 6000 A Street, Lincoln NE 68510.

For more information on the conference itself, please visit the website:

<http://www.aasl11.org/>.

## YA Event in Omaha

Three extraordinary YA authors will be presenting an open discussion on bullying, self-esteem, relationship abuse, coping, and survival—from the themes in their books to the hallways at school. Come enjoy free books and food and meet A.S. King, Heather Brewer, and Jackie Morse Kessler.

**When:** July 13, 2011 6:30-8:30pm  
**Where:** Bryan High School, 4700 Giles Road, Omaha, NE

**Who:** Everyone is welcome!  
Email [stacy.lickteig@ops.org](mailto:stacy.lickteig@ops.org) with questions.



## Technology Access Study

The *Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study*, recently published in Summer 2011 issue of *American Libraries*, is a resource for data that could be used in advocating for library support and as evaluation for library services and funding. The survey had an 86.5% response rate among libraries nationwide. Results were researched and compiled by ALA and the Center for Library & Information Innovation at the University of Maryland, with underwriting provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and ALA. Listed below are some of the survey results:

- 99.3% of public libraries provide public access to computers and the Internet
- Over 87% of libraries provide formal or informal technology training
- Almost 86% of public libraries provide Wi-Fi access

- 67.2% of libraries offer access to e-books, up 12% from two years ago
- 65% of public libraries anticipate flat or decreased operating budgets in 2012. Up from 60% in 2011, 56.4% in 2010 and 40% in 2009
- 64.5% of libraries report they are the only provider of free public computer and Internet access in their communities
- 89.7% of libraries provided as-needed assistance for understanding how to access and use e-government websites

The greatest challenges to providing free public access computing and Internet are: Cost (56% of libraries do not have a replacement schedule for computers); Buildings (lack of available space to add computers & inadequate electrical outlets); Staff (almost 48% of rural libraries reported the director as providing IT support) and Reduced hours libraries are open (15.9% decrease).

The Survey has statistics for individual states, including Nebraska, which provides interesting detail and comparison points, including statistics for expenditures, number of computers & connectivity, and Internet services.

So, for those statistic wonks out there, or for those of you looking for numbers that paint a picture of the status of libraries as a national perspective. Details online in the Summer 2011 digital issue.

<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org>

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"Life is not a dress rehearsal. Every day you should have at least one exquisite moment." Sally Karioth, Author (ALA New Orleans, 2011)

I was able to create a QR Code for Southeast Library System (Give it a try!) by using the **i-nigma** website which was a simple 2 minute process.

**3G Vision i-nigma** ([www.i-nigma.com/CreateBarcodes.html](http://www.i-nigma.com/CreateBarcodes.html)) - lets users create Quick Response barcodes that will link users to website links, encoded messages, contact information, or text messages. *i-nigma* also has a QR reader that users can download for their computer, iPad or mobile device. *i-nigma* can be used by 400 different devices



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to read QR codes.

One final website I explored is **Edistorm** ([www.edistorm.com](http://www.edistorm.com)) – which takes away the idea of sticky notes on a wall and makes it virtual. Brainstorm, think out ideas alone or with friends; plan out anything you like with Edistorm. Use virtual sticky notes in Edistorm to come up with a multitude of ideas all on one site.

SELS has our annual planning and board meeting coming up the end of this month. I invited board members to participate in a “storm” where I hope we’ll do some brainstorming on a plan of service for SELS. The concept is simple with the ability to post ideas, comment on posted ideas, and vote on ideas. I’m thinking it might give us a head start before our meeting in evaluating and updating the system plan.

I hope maybe you’ll find some time to explore the online tools recommended in the top 25 list. It’s a list worthy of reference for library staff, students and customers.

## NLC Unveils New Website

The new [Nebraska Library Commission](http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov) website is now live. If you haven’t already visited it, do so today!

Here are a few features you can expect to find:

- Services are now arranged by topic. Via the flyout menus on the left side, you will be able to locate the things you need directly from the front page.
- The search engine has been greatly improved.
- A “sticky note” reminder listing important events and dates has been added to the front page.
- The Library Calendar and the Training Calendar have been merged into the Library Training and Events Calendar. A link to this new Calendar can be found at the top of every page.
- The front page includes two new features along the right side of the screen: *Library News* and *Library Buzz*. Both of these can be subscribed to with RSS feeds.
- *Library News* links to current newspaper articles and television/radio stories about Nebraska libraries, updated daily.
- *Library Buzz* highlights what Nebraska libraries are promoting through their Facebook, Twitter and blog feeds, updated throughout the day.

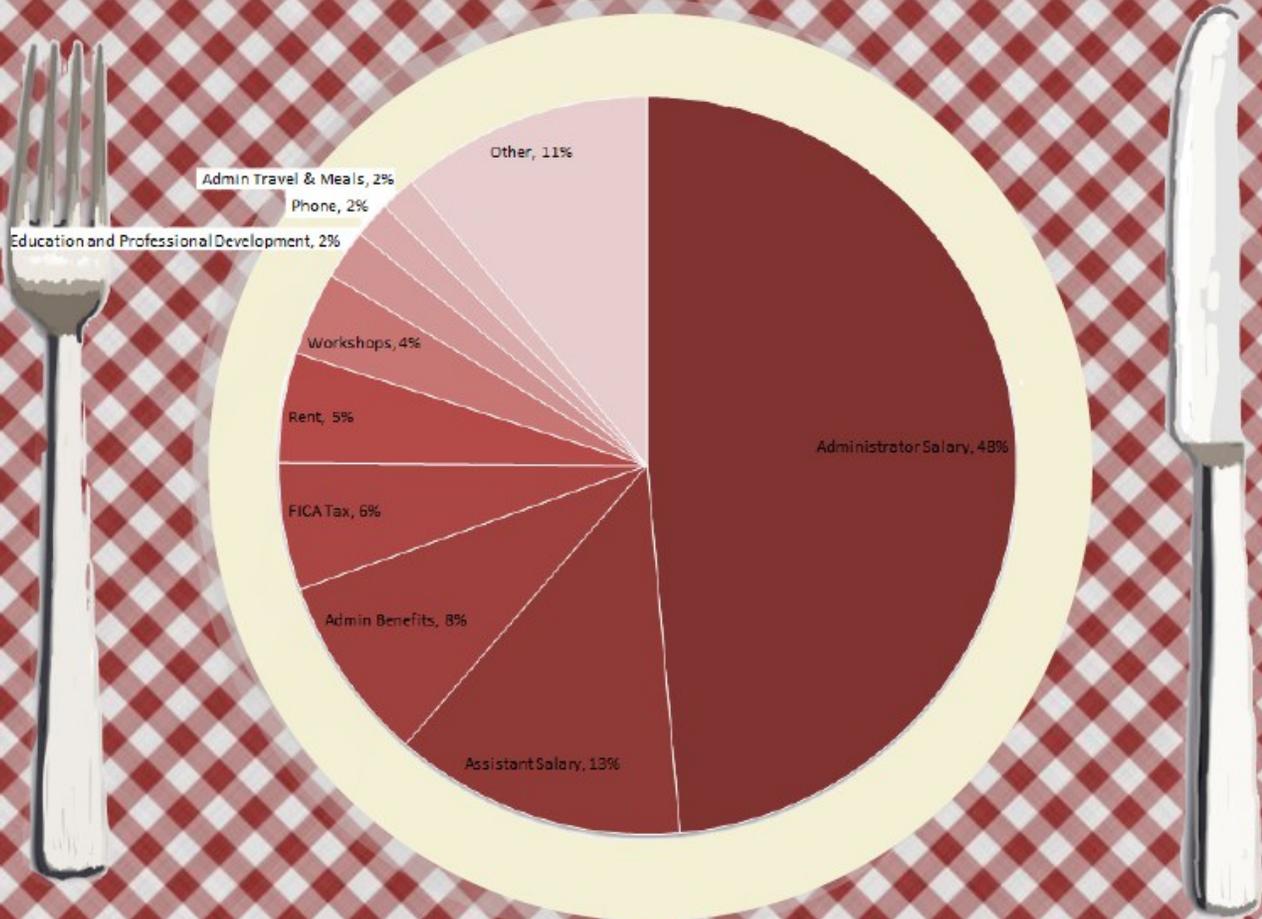
In addition to the new features there’s also a shorter and easier to remember URL: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov>. Take a few moments to explore the new site and tell the NLC what you think at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RZ6GXMN>.



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- **July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Levitt Library – York College**
- August 11<sup>th</sup> – Bruun Memorial Library – Humboldt
- September 16<sup>th</sup> – Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lincoln
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – Pawnee City Public Library

# Southeast Library System 2011 Annual Report



# Traditional Fare

*Critical Conversations with new Library*

*Directors*

*SoliS...* reaches nearly 300 readers every month.

*Checkouts since July 1, 2010..... 257*

Checkouts were made with the following options:

Type	Members	% of Checkouts
School	8	38.1
Public	13	33.3
Corrections	1	4.8
Institutional	3	4.8
Other	6	14.3
New Members	1	1.8
Special	0	0
Academic	0	0
Wii		2
Portable Microphone		2
Book Bags		16
Dies		7
		...with high usage at Summer Reading and Youth Services retreat.
DVD		2
Laptop		1
Projector		1

*Collaborations...* with your choice of 15 plus entities including library and non-library organizations - ACLU, KZUM, Bellevue University, NLA, NLC, NRLS, LCL, UNO, NAIL, Read Aloud Nebraska, Public Library Trustees Section (NLA), Auditing Committee (NLA), NEMA, NLA Legislative Committee, NLA IF Committee, AFCON, Academy of Rock, ELS

*Consultation...* select from over 60 topics to community organizers, board members, library directors and staff; institutional librarians, public librarians, school librarians, academic librarians and special librarians. Our recommendation: Tracking library customer reading, bedbugs, automation systems – ILS, privacy, consent agendas, legislative issues 2010/11, personnel, medical resources, and weeding.

*Presentations and Displays...* choose St. Marks United Methodist Women's luncheon - banned books presentation, Banned Books Display at Duffy's.

## Specials

*New Nebraska Regional Library Systems logo*



*Nebraska Book Award for Poetry...*

met with Jenni Puchalla and Misty Prochaska for selection of Dwaine Spieker's Garden of Stars.

## Non-Profit Best Practices Symposium...

sponsored by Smith Hayes and led by Dr. Peter Frumkin.  
Attended with Adam Prochaska in La Vista, NE.

**Accreditation decals...** Nebraska Regional Library Systems provided decals to accredited libraries in their regions so they could show off the hard work they made toward accreditation.

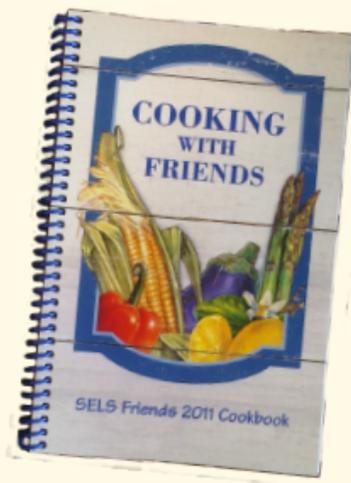
## Nebraska Library Leadership Institute

**Reunion...** with Jamie LaRue, Growing Market Share & Brain Research.

# Sides

**Continuing Education...** 750+ attendees on over 60 excellent topics. Your choice: eBooks & Overdrive; QR Codes; Authors & Illustrator visits via 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology; Cloud Computing; Security & Openness Online; Mobile Technology; Tablet Devices; Price of Change with Dr. J. Rufus Fears; Booktalks of ALA/RUSA Reading List; Breaking All the Rules and Connecting Boys with Books with Michael Sullivan; Tech Tools 4U; Art of Bookmaking; Black Belt Librarian with Warren Graham; Personnel Issues & the Law with attorney Susan Sapp; Bing vs. Google; ALA Prisoners' Right To Read Statement

Thanks to the hard work of the SELS Friends, you can take some of your favorite SELS recipes home! Pick up a copy today at the office— Just \$10, including tax!



# Treats

**Southeast Library System Collection Cataloged...** now with 890 items.

**iPad 2...** free samples available at the Training Extravaganza and CASTL meetings. Tons of great apps to choose from.

**New Chairs...** graciously donated to the SELS Staff by The Clark Enerson Partners.



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**SELS Photos on Flickr...** at

[www.flickr.com/photos/southeastlibrarysystem/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/southeastlibrarysystem/)

**Notable People and Places...** Sam Shaw, S & I Institutional Service Award; Dr. Becky Pacso, NLA Meritorious Service Award; Joan Giesecke, ALA Equality Award; Lincoln High Media Center, one of 35 outstanding school libraries in the US; Wymore Public Library & Falls City Library and Arts Center, America's Star Libraries, Library Journal, October 1, 2010; Pawnee City Public Library ground breaking, August 12, 2010.

# Dozens of Communities Served!



In 2010-2011 the SELS van travelled almost 9,000 miles and carried over 40 passengers!



It's been very busy in the office. Jennifer Barnason started as the new assistant on December 13, 2010. We also managed to do all the other great things in this report while completing a three year and three month contract with the Department of Corrections.

The SELS Board has been hard at work this year. They've revised the Personnel Policy, debated office space options, made innovative budget changes, and created a SELS member survey. Meetings were held at Clark Enersen Partners, Beatrice Public Library, Harding & Shultz, Love Library, and James Arthur Vineyards in Raymond.



**SELS Board Meeting**  
**April 29, 2011, 10:00 a.m.**  
**James Arthur Vineyards, Raymond**

**Board Members Present:** Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Carolyn Bennett (Beatrice Public Library); Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College); Scott Childers (University of Nebraska Lincoln Libraries); Adam Prochaska (Harding & Shultz Law Firm, 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); Jen Barnason (SELS Administrative Assistant).

**Board Members Absent:** Barbara Cornelius (Nebraska Wesleyan University, Cochran-Woods Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln); Carol Oltman (Beatrice High School).

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Glenda Willnerd at 10:22 a.m.

**What's New Around the System:**

Board members in attendance shared news as a round robin intro to the board meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

Everyone has had time to read the February 11, 2011 Minutes. There was discussion on the financial report which is recorded below. Becky moved and Scott seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

**Financial Report**

Jen got things to balance between the bank account and what shows on the budget report. Jen and Brenda went back to July and February last year and corrected some errors. The errors weren't easy to find. This report is a true reflection of the budget. The office insurance on line 7110 was paid last year before the end of June and that may be done again this year. The rotating Journals line was taken out previously, but *Library Journal* was renewed, so it has been added back in. The accountant on line 7020 is a little high, but Brenda thinks they will be ok. Corporate taxes, line 7030 are paid in full, so are at 100%. The 4510 line for telecommunications is high, but this is because the discounts for E-Rate haven't been taken off of the bill. This may not happen until the next fiscal year, but eventually there will be money coming back in for that. On the income part, when we changed the way we were doing the income and expenses, the board mileage was done differently. With the income and expenses separated, the total mileage expense has not been tracked on the top. Since the total miles driven by the board members have not been tracked whether donated or not, the \$302.40 only reflects what has been paid out for mileage and does not reflect the amount of the mileage that has been donated and therefore the donated mileage doesn't show up as part of the balance. So this is kind of a skewed figure. This should be in our thoughts because we should be tracking the total mileage. We need to keep a record of the mileage whether or not we are donating it. The difference between the 27 cents a mile paid by SELS and the 51 cent federal rate can be used as a donation. Transactions on the transaction sheet will be a little bit off because Jen did the paychecks after she did the budget report. We are at 84% of the year. Overall expenditures are at 73% so we are going into the last three months in pretty good shape. Corrections still owes \$500 that hasn't been paid.

**SELS Needs -- Equipment Software, etc.**

SELS needs a new laptop for presentations and a new computer and screen for Jen because her computer keeps crashing. The accountant has suggested purchasing Business Quicken. An iPad Stylus is needed to use for tapping on the screen and a dock with a keyboard would be useful. A cable that would connect with a projector would be used. New chairs have been ordered for the office and they were donated by Clark Enersen. Jen picked out the chairs and she showed the board electronically what they will be like. Still have to get the carpet squares for the office. The carpet and painting are extra expenses. Redoing the office needs to be a summer project when the windows can be opened. The best time for Robin is when school is out. Colors for the office have not been decided. Barbara said she had a table SELS could use. Brenda will put the needs on a list for the Executive Committee to examine. Kent had mentioned shelving for Brenda's office. Barbara will be on both committees and can bring the information to the Executive Committee. The

Executive Committee needs to meet in the near future. Brenda doesn't think a donation from the Credit Union is likely. Wayne, who is in charge of renting, thinks they have been generous by keeping their rent at a very low rate. Kent might be a valuable person to come to the meeting and Tom could come too.

#### Administrators Report:

- Brenda wrote a letter to Corrections summarizing accomplishments and needs still in the works as a piece to the end of that contract.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> was the NAIL meeting in Geneva. They had flowers and a gift card to say goodbye to Brenda. Next week she is meeting with Sam Shaw regarding funds for corrections libraries and is staying involved. A request may be coming from SELS regarding inmate welfare funds and how those are distributed. A portion of the inmate welfare funds should be going to the libraries.
- CASTL met in Wymore on February 18<sup>th</sup>. JoAnn McManus met with them and shared information on BTOP. It helped to have JoAnn come out and meet the librarians face to face.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> was the Summer reading workshop at the Gere Branch Library. John Kalkowski (wrote Red Cell) joined them. Thirty-six people attended.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> was the SELS/NEMA Workshop at Adams Elementary Media Center. Glenda helped with this. Looked at tablet devices with Melody Kenney and listened to booktalks by Karla Wendelin. Twenty-two people attended.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> CASTL met at Greenwood. Viewed a documentary on Steig Larsson. There was a question came up about special guidelines for government organizations when doing consent agendas, and there are no special guidelines.
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> there was a Critical Conversations meeting in Kearney. Nine attended. Pat Leach was the new director from our system at that meeting.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> was the Virtual Spring Symposium at Beatrice Public Library. Eight attended. There were two different tracks.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Brenda attended MPLA conference in Billings. They had a session with their Kansas Library Commissions that Brenda has discussed with John Dale to replicate in Nebraska for MPLA/NLA/NEMA 2012. One idea was a session with State Commissioners. Sneed Collard III was an author at MPLA that Brenda thinks would be great to bring to Nebraska.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> CASTL met in Exeter Public Library hosted by Nina Bartu. Continuing education topic was ordering from Baker and Taylor, Ingram, and Amazon. There were booktalks on women's fiction and a round robin in the afternoon.
- April 18th – 19th Jen attended the workshops in Chadron and Kearney on Archives, Digitization and Preservation of materials.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Michael Sullivan (PLTS) talked about encouraging boys to read and a session on Breaking All the Rules where he targeted simplified cataloging, and having the public more involved with the selection of materials. Suggested that too much time is spent on cataloging when customers really just want what's already on Amazon. Sorry there weren't as many directors and managers in attendance to match youth services librarians present.
- April 27<sup>th</sup> Peggy Barber spoke on the Power of Word of Mouth Marketing and how BTOP builds communities. Becky and Brenda attended.
- Plans are being made for Dr. Fears on May 19<sup>th</sup>. He is a very work intensive presenter, but a fun speaker.
- SELS is busy planning the Extravaganza for Beatrice High School also on May 19th.
- Conversation topics included: the problem Crete had with Bed Bugs due to the book drop which has resulted in good information on solutions from director, Lisa Olivigni. Information on eReaders will be available at the Extravaganza which has proven to be a topic of interest. Started conversations on library automation systems. Follett has not been helpful with public libraries when they need service on their automation system. Follett is good at getting things going, but when it comes to updating they are terrible. They are honest with public libraries saying that public libraries are not their priority, the schools are. Tom says the Regional Center Library is happy with Follett, but they are still making adjustments. Four main options for automation systems in SELS are: Alexandria, Apollo, Pioneer Project, or Follett. Libraries have to decide to upgrade or go with a different

product. Omaha is going with Innovative Interfaces. UNL has Innovative Interfaces. Lincoln City recently went online with Pioneer so many are watching to see how that goes.

#### **Break for lunch.**

#### **Administrators Report Continued:**

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Attended NLC budget hearing at State Capitol.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Jen went to the public hearing on the Student Free Expression Act.
- Brenda had two more speaking engagements on banned books.
- Had two Administrators meetings in March and April. Met Terri Rayburn in Omaha, the new Panhandle Coordinator. Systems were disappointed she'd been asked to sit in the office for a month and system members encouraged not to call her.
- Brenda is on the committee for public library accreditations review.
- Sherry Black was moved from director to a part-time position at the Auburn Memorial Library to save on the budget. Heather Koeneke is now the director.
- A new director, Karen Mier, has been hired at Plattsmouth.
- June 30 will be the date of the SELS annual meeting. Brenda will try to set it up at Milford and visit the dinosaur museum.

#### **Call for Board Nominations**

Ruth, Becky, Adam, and Tom are up for re-election. Ruth, Becky, and Tom said yes they would serve on the Board again. Adam can't run again. Adam will be available to help, advise, answer questions, look at stuff, and would be able to come to a meeting now and then. He will get back with the name of someone to run for the nomination. Brenda suggested that every person try to ask one more person. The suggested names for nomination need to be turned in by Monday. Tom mentioned Lincoln City Libraries for a board member. Their hesitation in the past has been liability, and Adam said he would talk to them about that because that should not be a concern. We presently have 3 School Librarians; 5 Public Librarians; 3 Academic Librarians, and one Special Librarian on the Board. Some names were suggested including Ceri Daniels; Ken Winston; Sam Shaw; someone from Lincoln City Libraries; Jennie Puchalla; Janet Roberts; and Marcia Dority Baker. Scott suggested revisiting last year's ballot to see if any of those people would be interested in running this year. Various Board members volunteered to contact the listed people and get back to Brenda by Monday.

#### **SELS Friends Report**

Becky had emailed the financial statement and the Friends report that was put in the SoLiS. The Friends cookbook goes on sale tonight at Aged for Perfection for \$10.00 each with a bookmark that has the first submitted recipe printed on it. The entire cookbook bill was paid up front. They ordered 300 books and they got 330 cookbooks. The bank balance doesn't reflect three outstanding checks. After these checks clear they will have \$5519 in the bank.

June 11<sup>th</sup> is the Barnes & Noble Book Fair at South Pointe.

July 16<sup>th</sup> is the private showing of the last Harry Potter movie at 9:00 a.m. at the Edgewood Cinema in Lincoln.

SELS Friends gave out 4 scholarships this year. The total of the four didn't come up to the amount that had been set aside for scholarships.

#### **SELS Personnel Policy**

Should the term Service Roles be changed to Goals? It was decided they should still be called Service Roles.

During the provisional period can employees take time off with earned leave? It was decided employees should be able to use time that has been earned

Should there be a time frame within which the floating holiday should be used? A holiday can't be taken away. Employees should be encouraged to take the day off during the same pay period if possible. If they can't use it during that pay period, they are to be paid straight time for the holiday.

There was a question about whether to pay travel time for the Administrative Assistant when she attends meetings. Ruth suggested the travel time be paid. Adam said if they can choose to go or not to go, you don't have to pay them. If they are not required to go, then it is on their personal time. If you are paying them to attend the workshop, etc., you could pay them for driving. The law is that if it is an employer required function and you are there because of work, than you should get paid for driving time. Nothing forbids paying travel time. Whose insurance would be responsible if she

were in an accident on the way home? If it would be the SELS insurance, then she should get paid. Adam says it makes sense to pay her for it. The intent is to get paid for travel time for an SELS function or SELS benefit. If it is more than 8 hours you roll the extra on to the next day. If it is a conference from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., is that considered an 8 hour day? Jen would be helping with whatever SELS does. While paying Jen you can dictate what she is doing. Employees don't get paid for lunches and breaks unless they are working. It is only when she can leave and do anything she wants, that she wouldn't get paid. If she is there from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and doesn't have any personal time to do as she wants during that time period, she should get paid for each of those hours.

### **NLC Report**

Richard sent a report from NLC but was unable to attend. Brenda did share that Jen has received a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian scholarship from the Nebraska Library Commission. Brenda received budget information from the NLC Commissioners' meeting which she shared. The commission budget is cut 7.8% for aid and 8.6% for operations. The state aid cut for 2011-12 is \$88,138 and will be the same for 2012-13. This state aid amount will require cuts to Public Libraries, Systems, and interlibrary loan. Brenda doesn't know when she will hear how it is going to affect Systems. NLC operations are listed as deducting 198,922 in 2011-12 and 2012-13. NLC has two open positions that may not be refilled and possibly a third one. It had been mentioned at the hearing that this would affect 3 to 6 positions. There are some personnel changes already happening. The quarterly meeting with the Commission (Rod, Richard, Laura and Sally) is next Wednesday. We should know more after that.

Amy Greenland was struck by a car outside the library at Hastings. It broke both wrists which required surgery and a lot of pins. She has a lot of bumps and bruises.

Scott is looking for NLA vice president/president elect, treasurer, and ALA counselor. There is no incumbent this year.

### **Survey**

The Board looked over the online survey.

At "If you don't read the SoLis", add an area with "please tell us why".

It was suggested that "van" be changed to "carpooling to library events".

The term "other" should be added to the list of items that have been checked out and used.

The term "other" should be added to the list of events attended.

There was discussion on whether the survey should be anonymous. When it was prepared, the committee wanted to know who had responded so those who didn't respond could be contacted.

There was a question whether there should be a question to provide text or to rank the value of an event that had been attended from 1 to 5. There should be a yes or no response and then a box underneath for text.

There could be a box at the end of comments.

Barbara asked us to define the term usefulness as that term is too vague. We need to get the survey out to people.

It was suggested they choose yes or no to answer "Did it help you in your job."

Under "Do you read the SoLis" use the note "This is the electronic newsletter".

The survey should be kept as simple as possible so people will answer it.

The directions need to indicate when the survey is to be sent back in. It was suggested to give them a week to answer the survey. Add would you like someone from SELS or the Board to contact you.

Tom asked whether we needed to add a question on the survey to see if people are using Facebook to access SELS, but this access should show up on the Facebook page.

### **Extravaganza**

Brenda will do Local Wonders at Extravaganza, and Jen will do book talks. If the presenters have questions they should contact Carol directly and let her know what is needed. Scott asked how many will be attending. The numbers attending will start being reported to the presenters on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Annual Meeting**

Annual meeting will be June 30th. The ballots will be sent out in May.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.**

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