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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

July 2012

SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

I just returned from ALA in Anaheim, and since I have the privileged position of Councilor for the Nebraska Library Association, thought I'd share some highlights:

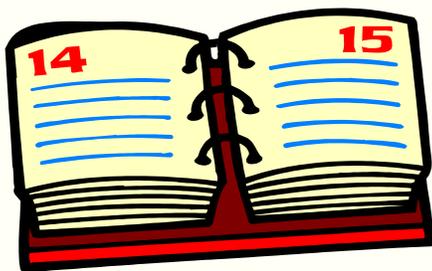
- In response to feedback from conference surveys, ALA is working on changes for the ALA Annual Conference 2013 in Chicago, such as: a core campus with most programs based at the convention center – one site; a maximum of 90 minute time slots for programs; and as much digitized content as possible so that conference attendees get that as part of their registration.
- Passed a **Resolution on Voter Suppression in America** that opposes voter ID laws, restrictions on voter registration, cuts to early voting, and any other laws resulting in the restriction of lawful access to voting. It also encourages libraries and librarians to provide information to citizens to mitigate these restrictions should they remain in effect on Election Day.
- Passed a **Resolution that School Libraries & Librarians are Critical to Educational Success** and calls for actions to support the goals of sustaining school libraries in recognition that all members of ALA have an obligation to help ensure that every child in America receives a strong foundation in literacy. It also encourages state associations and affiliates to influence legislation requiring adequate funding and appropriate staffing of school libraries in schools at all levels.
- Conversations on Digital Restriction Management (DRM), a technology that controls what you can do with the digital media devices you own. When programs don't let you share a song, read an ebook on another device, or play a game without an internet connection, you are being restricted by DRM. (www.defectivebydesign.org) DRM has caused concern for freedom, privacy and censorship. ALA will be preparing a tip sheet on DRM with talking points and information for news releases – stay tuned.
- ALA registration – 11,359 attendees; 5,045 exhibitors for a total of 16,604 compared to 19,286 in New Orleans and 25,444 in Washington, DC. There were 430 international librarians and visitors from 83 countries.
- American Association of School Librarians (AASL) revealed the top 25 websites: Projeqt, Gamestar Mechanic, Vialogues, Popplet, Jux, Comic Master, My Storymaker, Inanimate Alice, Quicklyst, Spidercribe, Stixy, Remember the Milk, Celly, Wiggio, Collaborize Classroom, Study Ladder, History Pin, Learn it in 5, ARKive, DocsTeach, iWitness, How to Smile, Study Blue, NASA Kids Club, and Springnote. Find more information at: www.ala.org/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/

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CALENDAR

July 2012

July 12th – CASTL Meeting at Weeping Water Public Library. Topic of discussion will be service animals and additional review of the Libraries & the Internet Toolkit – www.ifmanual.org/litoolkit. For the book talk portion of the day, select one of the titles listed in the June Sowings column. Also on the agenda will be the round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

July 13th – NLLI Reunion at UNL

July 23rd – August 3rd – Basic Skills – Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting May 28th. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBScalendar.aspx>.

July 23rd – August 3rd – Basic Skills – Library Governance. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting June 18th. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBScalendar.aspx>.

July 27th – NEMA/NLSA Professional Development at UNO. See [page 3](#) for details.

July 28th – Norfolk Public Library 18th Annual Literature Festival at Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk. For more information, call Karen or Marci at (402)844-2100.

August 21st & 22nd – Technology Planning Summer Camp 2: Don't Just Survive, Thrive at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island in conjunction with the BTOP Grant – Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities. Details coming soon,. For information contact Christa Burns, 402-471-3107 or 800-307-2665 or christa.burns@nebraska.gov. A second location for the Technology Planning Summer Camp will be at the Divots Conference Center in Norfolk on **September 5th & 6th**.

August 24th – CASTL Meeting in Aurora at Alice M. Farr Public Library. Topic of discussion will be Board Meeting Minutes for insight and tips in tracking library board actions, and for insight on how much detail is necessary to record. For the book talk portion of the day choose a book that includes a reference to a fair or festival – which seems appropriate for August. It can be a picture book, a cookbook, a novel – your choice. Also on the agenda will be the round robin to share questions, ideas, and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending – selsne@gmail.com or (402)467-2188/(800)288-6063.

August 28th – SELS Board Meeting and review of SELS plan at Seward Memorial Library – 10:00 a.m.

September 10th – 21st – Basic Skills – Customer Service. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting August 6th. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBScalendar.aspx>.

September 24th – October 5th – Basic Skills – Readers Advisory. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting August 20th. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBScalendar.aspx>.

September 13th – 14th – ELS/SELS Youth Services Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp.

September 20th – CASTL Meeting in Shickley

Connect Tech to YOUR Curriculum

Friday July 27, 2012 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Roskens Hall Room #412 University of Nebraska-Omaha

NOTE: NEMA (will change its name to NSLA (Nebraska School Librarians Association) July 1, 2012.

Hit the ground running this fall with amazing tech tools!

Join us for a morning of learning and discussion about tech tools you can use with students and teachers right when you walk into your library this August. Learn about at least six stand-out tools from our guest speaker and how to integrate them into collaborative teaching and learning. Take the opportunity to explore in-depth two of these tools, how they relate to our state standards, and how they can be used in libraries K-12.

Leave with ideas and resources you can put in place today to help your students tomorrow!



**Guest Speaker:
Laura Warren-Gross**

Professional Development Agenda

8:30-9:00 Check In & Light Fare (rolls, coffee, water)

9:00-10:00

Guest Speaker: Laura Warren-Gross

10:15-12:00

Tech Tool Breakout Sessions

12:00-12:30

Breakout Discussions

There will be limited access to laptops.

Please feel free to bring your own!

Laura Warren-Gross is the librarian at Maple Street Magnet School in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She served on the American Association of School Librarians' Best Websites for Teaching and Learning from 2009 to 2011. She is currently a member of AASL's Best Apps for Curriculum Taskforce. Her interests include urban education and technology integration. She is a wife, mom, and, in her abundant free time, is training for her first half-marathon.

Please contact Stacy Lickteig at stacy.lickteig@ops.org or Courtney Pentland at mrspentland@gmail.com if you need any assistance or have any questions. Thank you!

Cost—\$20 (includes rolls, coffee, water). Please register by **July 15, 2012**

Make checks to NEMA and mail to: Kim Gangwish, NEMA Executive Secretary, Bellevue West High School, 1501 Thurston Ave., Bellevue, NE 68123

Name: _____

School: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Summer Contact #: _____

You will receive a parking pass with your paid registration!
Park on either the north or south sides of Roskens Hall and enter through the south doors of the building. We will meet in the Ideas Room on the top floor of Roskens Hall.



By Brenda Ealey, SELS

Becky Baker hosted the June CASTL meeting at Seward Memorial Library. The June meeting is our annual chance to review the titles on the Golden Sower nominee lists. Seward Memorial Library staff had 100+ picture books on the list for Kindergarten through 3rd Grade for everyone to peruse during the morning and into the afternoon. Also available were the books on the lists for Intermediate (84 titles) and Young Adult (43 titles) and more than a few of us provided book talks from titles on those lists. Votes for selection of the ten nominees for the 2013-2014 Golden Sower reading are submitted by July 25th. Then a selection committee puts together the lists of 10 nominees for the Golden Sower reading lists. The selection committee of volunteer readers represents classroom teachers, school librarians and librarians in Nebraska with nominated titles from participating and libraries across the state.



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 12th – Weeping Water
- August 24th – Aurora
- September 20th – Shickley
- November 8th—Beatrice
- December 6th—Syracuse
- January—To Be Announced
- February—To Be Announced
- March 15th—Fairbury
- April—To Be Announced
- May 31st (June meeting) – Seward (Golden Sower)

The Golden Sower Award is Nebraska's Children's Choice Literary Award and started in 1981, initiated by Karla Wendelin and Dee Storey at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. There are three awards given annually: Primary (K-3); Intermediate (4-6); and Young Adult (6-9). Once the lists of ten titles are announced, young readers are encouraged to read at least four of the ten and vote for their favorite through their public or school library. It is hoped that the award sows seeds which:

- stimulate children's thinking
- introduce different types of literature
- encourage independent reading
- increase library skills
- foster an appreciation for excellence in writing and illustrating.

You can find a list of past to present Golden Sower Award winners on their website: www.goldensower.org along with lots more information, including the Golden Sower Store. If you are interested in being on the Committee, or a Reader for any or all three categories, your participation would be welcome. If you can't find the information on the website let us know and we'll get you connected. It's a great program to support, whether as a reader and/or by encouraging youth to read and vote. Many states have similar awards which you can find at: www.carr.org/read/stateAwardbks.htm or you can find them as part of the awards lists in Books In Print using the Advanced Search at NebraskAccess (<http://nebraskaccess.ne.gov>).

And, in case you missed the announcement May 1st, 2012 from Kathy Schultz, Golden Sower Award Committee Chair here are the 2011-2012 Winners and Honor Books selected by a record-breaking 70,923 readers across the great state of Nebraska!

Primary Winner

Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library! by Vicki Myron & Bret Witter; illustrated by Steve James

Primary Honor Books

I Need My Monster by Amanda Noll; illustrated by

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CASTL Wrap Up

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- Merritt Fund – www.merrittfund.org – was founded in 1970 to provide financial assistance to librarians denied employment rights due to their defense of intellectual freedom or due to discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability or place of national origin.
- 30th Anniversary of Banned Books in 2012. ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee would love to have every state participate in the virtual read-out – which sounds like a wonderful challenge, activity, and goal for Nebraska. They are suggesting participants read from a title challenged within your state. (www.bannedbooksweek.org/)

One of my favorite events of ALA conferences is the opportunity to hear the keynotes and presidents' programs. Below are quotes and content, as I heard them, just to give you a sense of those presentations:

- Sherman Alexie: "We have books to record the memories of the world, but each individual author only has their limited memory – so libraries and librarians help to distribute the collected human imagination. 'I know the perfect book' should be librarians symbol – which is amazing."
- J.R. Martinez works at reading every day in an effort to keep informed and learning. He wrote his book because he believes – "If you really want to make an impact you can't be afraid of showing your scars. People will gravitate to you and your story." (Iraq war veteran, Dancing with the Stars winner, All My Children daytime TV role, and author of book *Full of Heart: My Story of Survival, Strength, and Spirit* will be published in November 2012)
- John Irving: "The worst advice for authors came from Hemingway – 'Write about what you know.' That may work for journalists but not for novelists. The best advice is from Melville – 'Woe to him who seeks to please rather than appall.'" (Author's 2012 book – *In One Person*)
- Chris Colfer: "I really love storytelling – whether it's behind the camera, in front of the camera, writing a book or writing a screenplay. The book (*Land of Stories*) has been with me since I was 10 years old, and my grandma was the editor – if she didn't like it – she'd throw it away." (Star of TV show – *Glee*, Author of children's novel – *The Land of Stories*)
- Rebecca MacKinnon provided examples of secret files on citizens in China and Egypt in her plea for greater transparency by governments in the information they collect. She urged all internet and telecommunication companies to produce reports similar to a recent report by Google detailing the requests made of them. (Former CNN Beijing & Tokyo Bureau Chief, Co-founder of Global Voices (<http://globalvoicesonline.org/>) and author of *Consent of the Networked*)
- Author, Jodi Picoult and daughter Samantha Van Leer were featured in the ALA President's program and co-wrote the young adult novel – *Between the Lines*. Picoult's daughter, Sammy, who is a junior in high school, pitched the idea of the book to her mom via a text message sent during French class. Picoult raved not only about her talented daughter, but also about the wonderful experience and resulting book. Not to be overlooked are the illustrations at the start of each chapter.



The Rock Bottom Remainers (image from *Rock bottom remainders say goodbye at ala*. Retrieved from <http://www.bookpage.com/the-book-case/2012/06/27/rock-bottom-remainders-say-goodbye-at-ala/>)

And, contrary to what some might envision a librarians' conference to be there is always more than a bit of fun. This year's ProQuest Scholarship Bash featured **The Rock Bottom Remainers** perform their last concert ever – which featured authors: Dave Barry, Ridley Pearson, Amy Tan, Scott Turow, Mitch Albom, James McBride, Roy Blount, Jr., Matt Groening, Stephen King and Greg Iles – and more than a few of them had genuine musical talent, and certainly had the "house" rockin'. Amy Tan provided a memorable moment in her quip of "You've heard of 50 Shades of Grey – I'll give you 100 shades of Tan" – in a solo featuring leather and whip. Their special musical guest was Roger McGuinn of The Byrds – who was fabulous.

I was also delighted to hear Bettye LaVette perform for the Exhibitors Closing event. I've been a fan of her sultry blues voice since the 70's though she hadn't gained a whole lot of acclaim until 2005, and certainly garnered some attention in performing for the 2009

Presidential Inaugural. Her memoir, *A Woman Like Me*, is coming out in September as well as a new album, *Thankful n' Thoughtful*. Both will be on my list.

News Around the System

Palmyra Memorial Library Storytime

From Glenda Willnerd, Palmyra Memorial Library

Pictured here are three wide-mouthed frogs at the Palmyra Memorial Library storytime for pre-schoolers.



A Busy Summer at Plattsmouth Public Library

From Plattsmouth Public Library



library, and looked at books. Everyone went home with a souvenir picture collage of the fun we had!

Jason and Jacob Hobscheidt, Curt and Tim Drake, and Dan Markham brought their race cars to the library for the last week. The drivers hosted a great question and answer session including whether girls can drive (they do!), how long have they been racing, and how much do their cars cost. Then they let all of the kids get into the cars to get the feeling of sitting on a race track waiting for the race to start.

New this year was the stuffed animal sleepover where we had 27 friends spend the night and have all kinds of activities. They learned to use the card catalog, had storytime, toured the



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Plattsmouth Public Library's New Patio

From Karen Mier, Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth Public Library has a new patio. It was constructed last month with bricks from Main Street which were donated by the city. It was installed by Midwest Outdoor Design. The Cass County Visitors Promotion Committee and donations from the Plattsmouth Public Library Foundation and Friends of the Library made it possible.

Remaining funds will be used to provide landscaping at the library, including green velvet boxwood, endless summer hydrangea, oakleaf hydrangea, carex grass, hosta, and knockout roses.

To see photos of the patio's construction, visit:



The new, shaded patio. A great spot to read and relax.

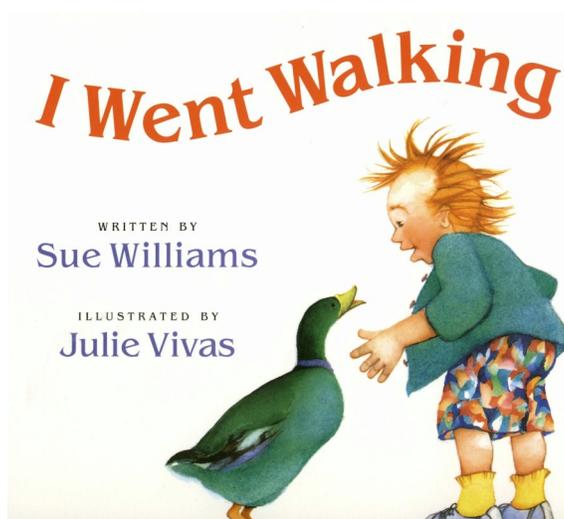
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Walk and Read: A New Seward Experience

From Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

Friends of Seward Library and the Walk Seward Club sponsored a new literary event for the community which also promoted good health. "A Story Walk" opened on June 30. Two children's stories were posted along Plum Creek Trail beginning at "The Garden" on Karol Kay Blvd. Walking readers enjoyed the stories as they traveled from page to page along the trail.

Duck on a Bike by David Shannon and *I Went Walking* by Sue Williams are the books featured until July 8 or later. The trail is always open so readers can pick their favorite time of day for "A Story Walk."



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Domesti-PUPS Help Kids Read In Auburn

From Heather Koeneke , Auburn Memorial Library

We have started a program that, at various times throughout the summer, involves Ronny, a 4 year old Golden Retriever. Ronny is a Certified Therapy Dog through the Domesti-PUPS program. The Reading-PUPS program utilizes therapy teams to assist children with speech and reading difficulties. Some of the benefits:

- increased reading fluency
- improved attitude toward reading
- a partner for speech therapy
- a partner to read to
- someone that gives unconditional love



Ronny and a friend reading together.

It's a *great* program!

An Exciting June for Kids at Plattsburgh Public Library

From Karen Mier, Plattsburgh Public Library



A parachute was a great hit with young patrons last month.



A visitor from the Wild Life Rescue was a nice surprise to many young readers.



News Around the System

Morton-James Library Summer Reading Programs

From Louan Beard, Morton-James Public Library



Kids from the 10-12 program dissect owl pellets

There are 35 kids registered for the Dream Big Read! program for ages 10-12. On average, 13 kids attended the programs in June. At the June 5 program *Hometown Authors*, Katherine Smith and Amanda Winkler told about their experiences and how they became authors. On June 12 the Nebraska Games and Parks

presented a program about owls. Jeanne Miller from the University of Nebraska presented a program about bats on June 19.

Fifteen kids are signed up for the teen summer program. On June 7th the kids wrote their own funny epitaphs and read some of the strangest ones ever written. They also did minute mysteries.

At the June 14 program, there was a PowerPoint on zombie animals created by library staff member Katherine. Everyone took a personality test and finished the evening playing games.

On June 21 the much anticipated paranormal program was presented by Fly by Night Paranormal Investigations. They presented the results of their research at the library for strange and supernatural activity. Watch the website at <http://morton-jamespubliclibrary.com/> for the date and details for a public program presented by Fly by Night Paranormal Investigations. Is the library really haunted?

Birds, Reptiles and Relaxation at Burkley Library

From Gerry Powers, Burkley Library, DeWitt

Burkley Library in DeWitt sponsored a Bird House & Bird Feeder fundraiser. Patrons were asked to make birdhouses and feeders to be sold at a donation of a silent bid. Final bids were made on June 30th during DeWitt's 4th of July celebration. The project raised \$500 with 35 different houses and feeders.

Women from the senior center gave a demonstration of Tai Chi.

They had been meeting since October as a class and after their 12 weeks in session, they have continued meeting twice a week.

Pam Cheever and

another worker from the Reptile Society brought snakes, frogs, and small reptiles. They talked about the characteristics of the reptiles and kept a large group of children very interested. Snakes were allowed to venture around and the children had hands on experience with them.



Some of the birdhouses in the fundraiser

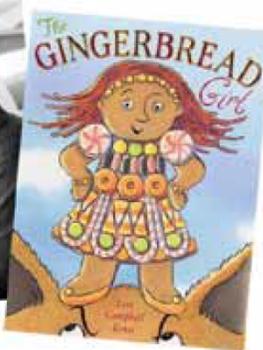


RUN, RUN TO READING ALOUD!

Wednesday, October 17 – La Vista, Nebraska Conference Center

Featuring children's book authors

Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst



And Nebraska children's book authors

Julia Cook

Ted Kooser

Preston McDaniels
& James Solheim

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Registration, Coffee and Book Sales

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

One Book, One School

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The Teacher Who Became An Author
Jim Aylesworth

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Nebraska Children's Book Author Panel
with Julia Cook, Ted Kooser,
Preston McDaniels and James Solheim

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Gifts of the Universe:
Inspiration, Hard Work, and Grace*
Lisa Campbell Ernst

4:00 p.m.

Book Signing

REGISTRATION

\$40 if received by July 1

\$45 if received between July 1 and Sept. 20

\$50 after Sept. 20

(15% discount for MPLA members)

You can register online at

nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012

For more program details or to reserve books
by the authors please visit

www.readaloudnebraska.org

This workshop is sponsored by
Read Aloud Nebraska.



Support was also received from the
Nebraska Regional Library Systems and the
School, Children's and Young People's Section
of the Nebraska Library Association.

Email info@readaloudnebraska.org
if you have any questions

News & Notes



Library Personnel Policy Statute Changes

This is an explanation of changes in the state statutes related to personnel policies of public libraries. LB 470, which was approved during the last Unicameral session, changes sections 16-251 and 51-211 of the state statutes. This law will take effect July 19, 2012. Following are the changes:

Section 16-251:

. . . The mayor and city council shall approve any personnel administrative or compensation policy or procedure applying to a director or employee of a public library . . . before such policy or procedure is implemented.

Section 51-211:

. . . The governing body of the county, city, or village in which the library is located shall approve any personnel administrative or compensation policy or procedure before implementation of such policy or procedure by the library board.

It is the position of the Nebraska Library Commission, consistent with legislative intent as expressed during the legislative session, that the changes in statute deal solely with personnel-related policy or procedure and not with any other area of responsibility of governing library boards. It is interesting to note that the changes listed above in Section 51-211 come immediately after statutory language which notes other board powers, and immediately before a listing of additional powers. None of the existing language noted was changed (except for some changes for consistency with other state laws). In other words powers of governing library boards were not changed except in regard to personnel matters.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Richard Miller at the Commission, 800-307-2665, richard.miller@nebraska.gov. We would like to hear if any municipalities or counties have misunderstood these statutory changes

and stand ready to help bring about an informed understanding of this new law.

Grants Available for Small Town Public Libraries

Small-town public libraries can receive a helping hand thanks to the generosity of a lifelong educator, the late Shirley Kreutz Bennett of Lincoln. Each year the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF), accepts proposals for matching grants for public libraries in communities with populations of fewer than 3,000.

Following Ms. Kreutz Bennett's wishes, a Fund Advisory Committee composed of her nieces and nephews recommends grants in three areas: planning grants leading to accreditation; enhancement grants to improve library services and/or programs; and facilities grants for new facilities or the renovation, restoration or rehabilitation of current libraries.

All grants require a certain level of matching funds and evidence that the project has broad community support. Approximately \$70,000 is available each year. Grant seekers are encouraged to review the guidelines and application procedures at www.nebcommfound.org/fund/kreutzbennett.

For more information, contact Reggi Carlson, NCF Communications Director, (402) 323-7331 or rcarlson@nebcommfound.org.

Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Grants

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards grants for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade 8. Public libraries, school libraries, and non-traditional libraries operated by 501(c)(3) agencies are eligible. The Foundation provides grants to libraries or organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real

need. Grants for 2012 will range from \$500 to \$3000 and are specifically for book purchases. They cannot be used for administrative or operational uses.

Grants will be awarded on or before December 15, 2012. Organizations receiving grants will be notified by mail. Because of the volume of applicants, no written notification will be sent to those organizations that were not awarded grants.

For more information visit: <http://www.loislenskicovey.org/6.html>

Questions regarding the Foundation or its library grant program may be addressed to:

Michael Covey
The Lois Lenski Covey
Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 255366
Sacramento, CA 95865

Alternatively, questions may be sent by email to: michael.covey@loislenskicovey.org. A link to a downloadable application is available on the web page.

NEMA Becomes NSLA

NEMA members approved an organizational name change to the Nebraska School Librarians Association (NSLA) effective July 1, 2012. Nebraska School Librarians Association serves the school librarians of Nebraska by providing programs, support, networking, and by being advocates for school librarians and school library programs throughout the state. The organization chose the name change to align with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) who voted in 2010 to adopt "school Librarian" as the official name of the profession. (Adapted from NEMA News, Summer 2012, Volume 5)

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Book Lust Rediscoveries

Nancy Pearl has introduced a new project with Amazon Publishing – Book Lust Rediscoveries – a series devoted to reprinting some of the best (and now out of print) novels originally published between 1960 and 2000. The first two books to be published in the Book Lust Rediscoveries series, with descriptions from Nancy Pearl, are:

- **A Gay and Melancholy Sound by Merle Miller:** Summing up this book is difficult – it’s almost 600 pages, for one thing, so there’s a lot going on. Basically, Joshua Bland tells the story of his life growing up in small-town Iowa as a child prodigy to his career as a theater producer and his most

recent divorce: a life marked by a failure to love and be loved. The writing is spectacular but not showy; the narrator’s emotional pain is palpable; and it’s the sort of novel that readers of literary fiction will enjoy.

- **After Life by Rhian Ellis:** From its terrific opening line, “First, I had to get his body into the boat,” readers will be drawn into the life of Naomi Ash, and her mother, a psychic. After fleeing their home in New Orleans after a séance has gone badly awry, mother and daughter resettle in a community in upstate New York that’s filled with traffickers in the supernatural. Enter grad student and love interest Peter Morton, mix the plot lines adroitly, and you end up with a charming novel that’s part psychological thriller, partly a story

of mothers and daughters, and partly something entirely original. With Amazon as partner and publisher and seller, e-books of the series will be available exclusively on Amazon’s Kindle and in print available only in paperback.

Andrew Carnegie Medal Winners Announced

Winners of the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction announced at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim on Sunday, June 24th are:

- *Lost Memory of Skin* by Russell Banks
- *Swamplandia!* By Karen Russell
- *The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood* by James Gleick
- *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* by Manning Marable

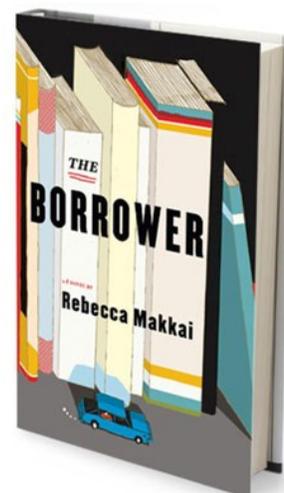
One Book, Many Librarians

October 18, 2012 @ NLA/NEMA/MPLA Conference

Embassy Suites, La Vista

4:00-4:50

Get started early and read the *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai for this year’s One Book, Many Librarians. Copies will be on sale and Rebecca Makkai herself will be in attendance to sign books.



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Howard McWilliam

Help Me, Mr. Mutt! Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems written by Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel; illustrated by Janet Stevens

Intermediate Winner

Closed for the Season by Mary Downing Hahn

Intermediate Honor Books

Dying to Meet You by Kate Klise; illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas

Young Adult Winner

The Compound by Stephanie A. Bodeen

Young Adult Honor Books

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

The Juvie Three by Gordon Korman

We hope you’ll encourage students to participate in reading from the 2013-14 list of nominees. The announcement is typically out by September 1st. Also, join us for the CASTL Golden Sower meeting next year in Seward on May 31st, 2013 for a fun way to be a part of the process.

The Embedded School Librarian

Wednesday October 17, 2012 5:30 pm-8:30 pm

Roskens Hall Room #412 University of Nebraska-Omaha

Like a splinter or like a journalist? Embedded school librarianship

Special Guest Speaker: Sara Kelley-Mudie

The idea of being embedded is at the heart of much of what we believe makes school libraries effective; we don't teach skills in isolation, but rather embed them within the larger curriculum of our schools. We can take these beliefs that are at the core of school librarianship, and expand them in order to redefine--or, really, highlight--how integral librarians are to the larger mission of the school. Embedded librarianship is about moving beyond the physical walls of the library--both virtually and physically--in order make connections between the students and teachers in our schools and resources, information, and people inside and outside of the school.



In this talk, I'll outline the theory and standards that are the foundations for my practice as an embedded librarian, the tools I use to create connections and share resources, and how I've embedded myself in a variety of teaching and learning spaces in my school.

Pre-Conference Agenda

5:30-6:00

Light Hors d'Oeuvres

6:00-7:00

Guest Speaker: Sara Kelley-Mudie

7:00-7:15

Breakout Discussions

7:20-8:30

Breakout Sessions on tools and tips for embedded librarianship

Please register for the NSLA pre-conference on the Tri-Conference page. Cost \$30.

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Sara Kelley-Mudie is the Librarian and Educational Technology Facilitator at The Forman School in Litchfield, CT. A former high school English teacher, she has a BA in English from Connecticut College (2001) and an MLIS from Kent State (2007). Sara serves on the board for the Connecticut Association of School Librarians, and was selected as one of the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders in 2011. Sara writes about libraries, learning, and technology at kmtlibrarian.blogspot.com.

Her experience working at Forman--an independent college-preparatory school for students with dyslexia, ADHD, and other learning disabilities--has shaped her beliefs about libraries, instructional design, and creating accessible learning spaces for all students. She is passionate about working with students and teachers to become independent learners with the confidence and skill to navigate an ever-changing world of information and knowledge.

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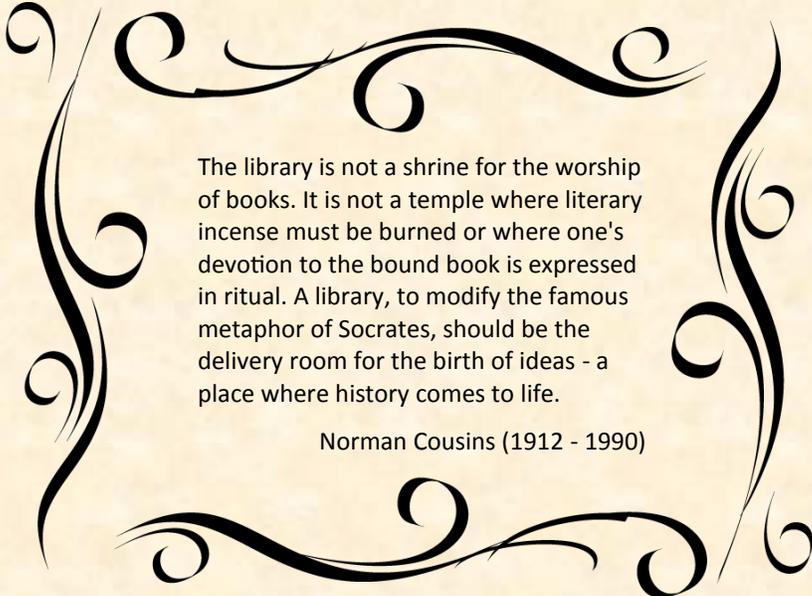
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The library is not a shrine for the worship of books. It is not a temple where literary incense must be burned or where one's devotion to the bound book is expressed in ritual. A library, to modify the famous metaphor of Socrates, should be the delivery room for the birth of ideas - a place where history comes to life.

Norman Cousins (1912 - 1990)

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