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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

August/September 2007

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I ♥ Libraries

American Library Association has designed a web site for people who use and love libraries: ILoveLibraries.org. It is intended to keep “library lovers” informed of everything libraries have to offer, as well as involve individuals and groups in the support of libraries. It includes links for:

1. **Library News** - On the day I looked there were news articles on the Gitmo (Guantanamo) Camp library; the SKILLS Act (Strengthening Kids’ Interest in Learning and Libraries) – reinforcing the importance of School Libraries & Librarians; Women’s stories on how libraries have impacted their lives; Librarian Awards; an article titled: *Kids say email is, like, sooo dead* – and much more.
2. **Take Action** – This section included information on advocating for libraries with information on the issues and how to go about voicing support.
3. **Book Lovers** – Includes lists of award winning and notable books, and online book discussions to participate in.
4. **Find Your Library** - Included several ways to find a public library close to you.
5. **Love Your Library** – Full of stories and quotes from librarians, and library customers of why they love their libraries, it also offers visitors the chance to submit and share their own story.
6. **Ask The Librarian** – Where visitors have the opportunity to submit a question and

view frequently asked questions for answers.

7. **Get Informed** – Includes information on how libraries are funded, organized, who they serve, facts and figures, etc.
8. **Join Us/Donate** – Provides an opportunity for individuals to join American Library Association and make donations to ALA efforts and projects.

The website also included: *Booklist* book review of the day, Flickr posting and slide show of library photos, library videos on YouTube (see The Pitt Crew Book Cart Drill Team of the University of Pittsburgh), and a shopping link for library themed items.

Even at a glance ilovelibraries.org seems to be a great promotion of libraries – with the added perk of providing a positive spin on our national library association and the causes and services it offers. It also seems to be a good model for all libraries in getting the word out to our customers about our services, issues and ways they can become involved and support the future of the library. The eight categories highlighted could be used as a format for a library newsletter, library web page, library blog, library interview and/or regular library column.

Certainly, many librarians, and library Friends may already have in place similar resources for touting all that libraries provide, and putting a positive spin on the library’s/librarian’s image. Let’s make certain we’re also including the avenues for our library supporters to act on behalf of the library and to become informed of the challenges facing our future success, and while becoming informed perhaps have a little fun, too.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator

Welcome

New Members to the SELS Board:

Barbara Hegr, Morton-James Public Library
Kim McCain, Tri-County Schools

Re-elected Members:

Kris Rogge, Johnson
Tom Schmitz, Lincoln Regional Center Library

2007-08 BOARD MEMBERS

Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln Public Schools District Office –President

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Barbara Hegr, Morton-James Public Library, NE City

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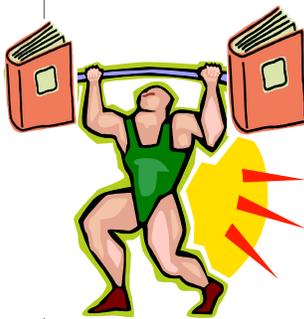
Lisa Olivigni, Crete Public Library

Kris Rogge, Johnson

Tom Schmitz, Lincoln Regional Center Library

Jan Thomsen, Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora

Do you have a competitive nature? Do we have a deal for you!



The 2007 **IronLibrarian** challenge, sponsored by the SELS Friends, is scheduled for **Saturday, September 8** from 1:00-4:00 at the Platte County Antique Mall. A variety of board and card games will be played by attendees with cumulative points earned determining the ultimate **IronLibrarian**! You do not have to be a member of SELS Friends to participate in the battle for glory at this fun event – and there is no fee - but please register to ensure enough games are available. As a thank you for your support, if you are a current member of SELS Friends you will receive free refreshments during the gaming; if not you are welcome to purchase your own

libations. And if you've not been a member of SELS Friends in the past but join in time for this event, your membership will be good through 2008!

With questions or to register - contact info@selsfriends.org. Hope to see you there!



At our **CASTL** meeting on June 15th we joined with **Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA)**, and benefited from a terrific presentation with **Nancy Larimer and Glenda Willnerd** (Lincoln Public Schools), in their attempt to bring us all up-to-date on things happening in the world of technology. We're going to have to bring them back for an encore presentation, but in the meantime here are some of the highlights:

- **Blog** is short for weblog and is a journal (newsletter) that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption. I think of it as an online newsletter that allows for back and forth conversation with your readers. A popular blog done by the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library is *PaperCuts: Cutting Edge Library News, Reviews and Events* at: <http://papercuts.tscpl.org/>. Visit this blog for a great overview of the wonderful possibilities blogs can provide along with being fairly simple to set up.
- **Instant Messaging** is a form of electronic communication which involves immediate correspondence between two or more users who are all online simultaneously. I guarantee the youth that visit the library are using instant messaging, and most likely other customers of all ages so if your curious try it out with AOL Instant Messenger – AIM; Yahoo! Messenger; Google Talk or MSN Web Messenger.
- **Podcasts** a combination of Apple's "iPod" and "broadcasting," is a method of publishing files to the Internet, allowing users to subscribe to a feed and receive new files automatically by subscription, usually at no cost. I heard it described at MPLA as "not so different from radio, but delivered through the Internet." Then, of course you'll also have **vodcasts** – which is a podcast with video. Podcasts are downloaded to your computer or a portable device allowing the user to listen at their convenience. The Nebraska Regional Library Systems recently purchased an iPod and a MP3 player which can be checked out from System offices for experience or practice in using a portable player that would be appropriate for downloading and listening to podcasts. NPR is one source for subscribing and listening to podcasts, go to www.npr.org and view their podcast directory, and click on HELP for more info on the how's and whys of podcasts.
- **RSS – Really Simple Syndication or Rich Site Summary, or RDF Site Summary** is an alternative means of accessing the vast amount of information that now exists on the World Wide Web. Instead of the user browsing websites for information of interest, the information is sent directly to the user. (Check out NLC RSS training on page 16 with Michael Sauer.)
- **Social Bookmarking** – the ability to share good sites or objects we find by building resource lists on the web – for pictures there's *flickr*; favorite websites – *del.icio.us*; information – *wikis*; videos – *YouTube*; blogs – *BlogSpot*; and personal network – *MySpace*.
- **Wiki – "What I Know Is"** – Open-access Web site that allows users to add, change, or delete content. No html knowledge needed, allows for collaboration among a group, and can be private or public. I used Stikipad – www.stikipad.com – to set up the SELS Stiki Wiki. Nancy and Glenda also listed Peanut Butter Wiki (pbwiki.com) and Wikispaces (wikispaces.com).

Resources on the Web:

TeachingBooks.net – an online collection of K-12 multimedia author and book resources. Includes author programs, book guides, book readings, author websites and an educator area.

www.starfall.com – a Learn to Read Site – lots of fun resources for helping children learn to read.

storylineonline.net – Read Aloud Stories – an online streaming video program featuring Screen Actors Guild (SAG) members reading childrens books aloud. Each book includes accompanying activities and lesson ideas.

Learning 2.0 – plcmclearning.blogspot.com – a discovery learning program designed to explore 23 new technologies. Click on "23 Things" for a list of small exercises that you can do on the web to explore and expand your knowledge of the Internet and Web 2.0. This is a great exercise for library staff that they can do on their own.

Resources for School Librarians – www.sldirectory.com

URLic.com – Put a long URL in the text box and URLic makes it short.

Nebraskastudies.org – Nebraska history site with photos, documents, letters, video segments, maps and more.

David Pogue – www.davidpogue.com – Nancy called this "the Consumer Reports of technology." So, if you want to find out about the latest tech products this is the site.

There was so much more shared during a very productive couple of hours in the Seward Memorial Library computer lab, but for the purposes of this missive these highlights will have to do. Glenda and Nancy also shared an article from *School Library Media Activities Monthly*, May 2007 issue titled – "Fifty Nifty Websites: Choosing Them Was Fun!" by Greg Byerly and Carolyn S. Brodie, as well as a list of websites for use in setting up learning centers from the May 2007 Connected Newsletter that also cited Helen Teague and the OOPS Web site 4oops.com. If you'd like to request an ILL copy of either or both from SELS – let us know. -Brenda Ealey, Administrator



August

August 9th: NEBASE Annual Meeting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cornhusker Marriot Hotel in Lincoln. For more information contact Jeannette Powell: (800)307-2665, jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us.



August 24th: CASTL meeting at Stella Public Library. Meeting starts at 10, and includes a round robin for all attending to share ideas, questions, troubles, laughter, food and more. YA read for our book discussion this month is *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan, a Golden Sower Nominee for Young Adults 2007-2008. We'll also be talking about personality types and methods of communicating with others, so before you attend please go to: www.personalityonline.com, go to tests, and click on Enneagram and complete an on-line personality test. Bring a print-out of your results to the CASTL meeting. For further information upon completion of the test go to: www.eneagraminstitute.com/descript.asp for descriptions of the nine personality types used with the Enneagram.



August 30th: SELS Board Meeting and Annual Planning Meeting 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Nebraska City at Morton-James Public Library.

September



SEPTEMBER is Library Card Sign-Up Month when librarians remind parents and kids that the most important school supply of all is @ your library ® - it's your library card. For information and resources to use go to: www.ala.org/ala/pio/otherinit/card/librarycard.htm. You'll find downloadable logos, a proclamation, 52 Ways to Use Your Library Card, a sample press release, a fact sheet and more.



September 6th & 7th: ELS & SELS Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling – see page 13 for details.

September 7th & 8th: Loren Eiseley Centennial Celebration 1907 - 2007, Nebraska's Literary Naturalist, Poet, Scientist and Humanist. Events take place in Lincoln – many of them free. For more registration and additional information see page 9, or go to www.eiseley.org.



September 8th: The SELS Iron Friend Board Tournament – see page 2 for details.

September 14th: NLC Commissioners Meeting at 9:30 at Nebraska Library Commission. The meeting is open to the public, contact Maria Medrano-Nehls for more information: (800) 307-2665 or mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.



September 20th: CASTL meeting at Dvoracek Memorial Library, in Wilber. Meeting begins at 10 a.m. YA Read for our book discussion this month is *Runaways, Vol. 1* by Brian K. Vaughan. You will probably need to ILL or purchase, so be prepared! We'll also take some time to talk about the annual Public Library Statistical Report –filed online through Biblio-stat™ Collect. Bibliostat will be available starting August 15th, and the deadline for submission is January 31st, 2008. Of course, we'll have the CASTL Round Robin to share ideas, questions and whatever else is on your mind.

 **September 29th – October 6th: Banned Books Week:** Ahoy! Treasure Your Freedom to Read – Get Hooked on a Banned Book. For more information, including programs and publicity: www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek.htm.

October

October 1st: Wally Seiler as Mark Twain, Nebraska Humanities Council speaker, at Lee Booksellers in Lincoln, a Banned Books Week celebration starting at 7:30. Co-sponsored by AFCON, ACLU Nebraska, and NLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.



October 4th – 6th: Plum Creek Children’s Literacy Festival at Concordia University in Seward. Authors and illustrators participating include: Richard Peck, Laura Numeroff, Andrew Clements, Ted & Betsy Lewin, Peg Kehret and Robin Brickman. For more information and to register go to: www.cune.edu/plumcreek.

October 11th & 12th: Gates Foundation Technology Training Sessions at Seward Memorial Library, from 9 to 4, no cost, lunch on your own. On October 11th, topics include: Tech Support on the Fly & Security in the Real World, on October 12th – Welcome to the Social Web. Each day has it’s own individual online registration form—go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/gates/gatestechtraining2007.html.



October 14th – 20th: Teen Read Week – Encourage 12-18 year olds to “Read For The Fun Of It” and LOL@your library – go to: www.ala.org/teenread. The humor theme is meant to encourage teens to read light and entertaining materials just for the fun of it.



October 24th - 26th: NLA/NEMA Conference in Kearney. For details go to: www.2007nlanema.info/.

Get Hooked on a Banned Book

The Giver
Lois Lowry

Forever
Judy Blume

Chris Crutcher

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Greenwood News for Authors Get a Clue

During the month of July, the Greenwood Public Library has had a mystery object on display instead of doing our Dessert & a Book contest. Winners would still receive the "dessert" of Baker's Candies but not a copy of a book. Entrees had a place for name, phone number, name of mystery object and how the object was or is used. We were surprised how many young people under 10 years old had no clue what the object was. One young lady was overheard asking her Grandma, " Come on, what is it?" We had an overwhelming number of entrees especially from our "grandma & grandpa" age group. The mystery object display was so successful we have decided to do it again in about 6 months. By the way, the mystery object was a . . . Typewriter.



Karen Frank, Director

Chris Sayre entertained at the Burkley Library in DeWitt during their Fourth of July celebration. He played various old-fashioned instruments and explained how their history fit in with the settling of Nebraska. Everyone was amazed when he played a tune on a saw! His program was partially funded by the Nebraska Humanities Council.



The parade theme was 'Remember When' and the Brush Creek 4-H Club made a float of the old Carnegie library built in 1907 and they had the wall falling down as it did in 1963.

Gerry Powers, Director

Seward Memorial Library Creates a Community Mystery: Who killed Mr. Vic Tim? Was it Paige the Librarian or Butch the Butcher? Was his death caused by arsenic or poisoned tanning lotion? Was the body discovered in the City Hall Meeting Room or in the Library's biography section? In June, Seward Memorial Library launched the Seward Gets A Clue promotion in conjunction with the summer theme of Get A Clue @ Your Library. Seward area businesses were invited to join in the summer mystery by submitting ideas for suspects, weapons, and locations. Window clings and evidence posters were created and distributed to participants. Local detectives of all ages scoured the community with their tracking sheets looking for which evidence was eliminated by checking the posters at the various sites. Solutions were collected at the library for the drawing on July 26, the day of the Summer Reading Program finale. Riley Pollack, eight, was the winner of the \$100 bill provided by the Friends of Seward Library. Over 20 other detectives received donated prizes in a random drawing. The library announced that Eleanor the Editor used a poisoned rose thorn to kill Mr. Vic Tim in the Liberty House parlor. The case was closed, but our successful summer experience will not be forgotten.



Charlotte Baldinger, Library Assistant



The **Fairmont Public Library** just installed automatic door openers. They were paid for by one very generous donation.

Wanda Marget, Director

← Picture of Nima Faunce from **Palmyra Public Library** Summer Reading Disguise Day.

Brenda Johnson, Director



Pawnee City Library had a couple different summer reading programs: "All Aboard the Library Express" was for children ages 3-5 years old. Kids went home with their picture on a magnet-with exclamation-"I think I can!" as well as an engineer hat and train whistle. The next program was "Hats Off to the Library" which was for children ages 6-12. Children made Dr. Seuss hats, then had their pictures taken which were then placed on a magnet to take home. The creativity of the children really comes thru during SR craft times. In each of these programs the children were also given an activity book I made for them.



Lola Seitz, Assistant Librarian (with the rose-colored glasses)



The **Pawnee Public Library** also celebrated its 100 year anniversary this year. Every last Tuesday of the month the library has an all-day birthday coffee for the public to celebrate our 100 year old birthday. This has been a real fun day for us and a lot of the locals get to visit and see each other. In addition we are having circulation door prizes. We have already reached our 7,000th circulation and our grand prize will be awarded for the 10,000th circulation.

For the County fair we entered a float depicting how it was "then" a hundred years ago with old typewriters and card catalogs and how "now" the modern user uses a computer etc. We also had two large posters showing the board members in 1907 and 2007. Since our City is also celebrating its 150th anniversary we were in the special portion of the parade that had 18 historical floats with a special narration. Our major start-up project for our birthday was having our Library Foundation hire an architect firm to design an addition to our small Carnegie Building. We also launched a membership drive for a Friends group this year as part of the celebration. So far the Friends are pitching in with our summer reading programs and coffees. We are enjoying good circulation and lots of traffic this summer.

Mary Friedly, Director (in the Then picture)

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News and Notes

Free Talking Books so You can Keep on Reading!

Individuals with visual or physical disabilities may qualify for free talking books from the Nebraska Library Commission. No one needs to forego the pleasure of reading just because they cannot see regular print or hold a book or turn its pages. Not when recorded books, magazines, and playback equipment are free to any qualifying Nebraskan.

The Nebraska Library Commission's Talking Book and Braille Service, working with the Library of Congress, offers 60,000 book titles and 100 magazines, mostly on cassette. The book collection includes nationwide bestsellers, westerns, biographies, history, and romances. Our Prairie Lane Studios record books and magazines about Nebraska or the Great Plains.

A cassette player is loaned to each borrower. It has large buttons and can be adapted with finger extenders for the control keys and headphones for private listening. All materials are mailed to borrowers and returned to the Talking Book and Braille Service postage-free.

For information or an application form: 1-800-742-7691 or talkingbook@nlc.state.ne.us.

If you prefer, an application form can be downloaded from: www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/tbbs11.html.

David Oertli, Director, Talking Book and Braille Service
Nebraska Library Commission talkingbook@nlc.state.ne.us 1-800-742-7691

YALSA Wiki

Check out the YALSA wiki and participate in: Librarians' Choice: 100 Super Summer Reads for Teens - by adding your own recommendations. The list is being compiled to celebrate YALSA's 50th Anniversary. Included on the wiki are multiple lists of titles to recommend for summer reads that include: Mystery and Suspense, Beyond Harry Potter, and 2007 Teen Read Week nominations.

Go to: wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Summer_Reading.

Additionally, on the main page of the YALSA wiki are other resources like a technology section for gaming lists and activities, info on Teen Tech Week (March 2-8, 2008), and videos and DVDs for teens. You'll also find resources for YA Literature & Teen Reading, including Teen Literature Day (April 17th, 2008), Teen Read Week (October 14-20, 2007), Themed Booklists, and WrestleMania Reading Challenge Ideas and Resources.

✓ Out How Seward Advertised Success in their Newspaper

Join the Record Breaking summer at the

Seward Memorial Library

June 2007 has been our busiest month ever!

- Most items checked out in a month (10,500+)
- Highest Summer Reading Club points earned (5,500+)
- Highest number of daily visitors (average 305 per day)

Great job Seward!

www.sewardlibrary.org

Sponsored by Friends of Seward Library and the Seward Library Foundation

This ran in the Seward County Independent on July 4, 2007.

"Man would not be man if his dreams did not exceed his grasp...If I remember the sunflower forest it is because from its hidden reaches man arose. The green world is his sacred center. In moments of sanity he must still seek refuge there..."
 – Loren Eiseley, *The Invisible Pyramid*

LOREN EISELEY CENTENNIAL 1907 – 2007

Nebraska's Literary Naturalist, Poet, Scientist and Humanist

September 7 – 8 • Lincoln, Nebraska

Keynote Speaker ~ Dr. Scott Slovic

Professor of Literature and Environment and Noted Ecocritical Scholar

University of Nevada-Reno

Friday, September 7

- 9:00 *Friday Live* show, Nebraska Public Radio (segment on Eiseley)
The Mill, 800 P Street, Lincoln
- 10:00 Open discussion with Dr. Scott Slovic organized by Dr. Tom Lynch, UNL English Dept.
Bailey Library, Andrews Hall, UNL City Campus
- 2:00 *"Loren Eiseley's Lincoln."* Presentation by Friends of Loren Eiseley Society and Tour of the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors (Eiseley artifacts and archives)
Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 South 14th Street, Lincoln

Saturday, September 8

- 9 - 12 *Bus tour of Eiseley's Lincoln sites, including the neighborhood environment of his childhood, the places that shaped his life at the University, and the natural world that supported his development as a writer and scientist.
Meet in front of the City Campus Union, 14th and R Street (south doors) at 8:45 to board buses. *Due to limited seating, advance reservations by 8/31 are required for this event.
- 1:30 Loren Eiseley Centennial Program, Sheldon Art Gallery, 12th and R St., Lincoln
- 1:30 *Reflections of a Bonehunter* (NETV documentary), Sheldon Auditorium
- 2:30 Panel Discussion, Sheldon Auditorium
- 3:30 Keynote Address, Dr. Scott Slovic, Sheldon Auditorium
"From the Ice Age to the Space Age, to the Age of Climate-Change Consciousness: Loren Eiseley as Writer, Activist, and Role Model"
- 5:00 Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Reception, Sheldon Exhibition Area

Tickets: Eiseley Society Members: \$25; Non-Members: \$30; Students: \$10

To register for the Saturday bus tour and/or reception, go to www.eiseley.org. Or mail your registration information with a check (payable to Friends of Loren Eiseley) to PO Box 80934, Lincoln, NE 68501-0934. All bus tour reservations must be postmarked by August 31.

Centennial Sponsors: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska Press, US Bancorp, Friends of Loren Eiseley Society

<http://www.eiseley.org>

I wonder if I've been changed in the night? Let me think. Was I the same when I got up this morning? I almost think I can remember feeling a little different. But if I'm not the same, the next question is 'Who in the world am I?' Ah, that's the great puzzle!

Alice, *Alice in Wonderland*

Jenni at NLLI

Have you looked in the mirror lately? No, really looked in the mirror, not just to see if you have spinach in your teeth or if your hair is sticking up. Looked to see if you still remember why you're in the field you're in; looked to see if you're still bright-eyed and bushy-tailed about your job and the opportunities; looked to see if you've evolved at all over the years. The 2007 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute was a good look in the mirror for me. It reminded me of all the good things and the bad things that I have learned about myself over the years and it also reflected others - mentors, facilitators, and participants- views of me.

I have to laugh about the brochure: *For four mid-summer days in the peaceful beauty of a Northeast Nebraska landscape, an extraordinary union of fresh ideas, seasoned experience, self-discovery, & sharing gives way to boundless vision....* Sounds lovely doesn't it? Peaceful? Relaxing?

Uh, no. I came back so tired I thought I needed another week to recover from my week away. We worked hard— learning our strengths and weaknesses, how to interact and shine in a group of nearly perfect strangers, and how to constantly be on the lookout for ways to improve. When we weren't in a formal setting, opportunities abounded to create ties, assimilate information, and get feedback from the mentors and others in our group, both large and small. And some of us analyzed into the wee hours of the morning about the days' experiences. There was also a great kitten rescue.

It wasn't relaxing, but it was rewarding. I had a terrific group of peers to work with, wonderful mentors who made themselves available and offered feedback willingly, and facilitators that made the most of our limited time. I stepped back from my week at the mirror with a renewed sense of myself and my leadership capabilities (though I joked with my neighbors that I really wanted to go back to my snap judgments and procrastinating ways, it was much easier),

I also learned that Nancy really loves Jenga, Greg likes high-end non-American cars, Michael is loud enough to startle monks, Julee loves kitties (I already knew Misty loved cats), knock on Milton's door before you go in, group loyalty and trust are wonderful things, and how to play Apples to Apples. All that from one week focused on improving Nebraska librarians' leadership skills. Not a bad reason to look hard in the mirror.

Though you should always remove spinach if you see it too.

Jenni Puchalla, Administrative Assistant

And the moral of that is: Be what you would seem to be, or if you'd like it put more simply: Never imagine yourself not to be otherwise than what it might appear to others that what you were or might have been was not otherwise than what you had been would have appeared to them to be otherwise.

The Duchess, *Alice in Wonderland*



Vision Statement for Nebraska Libraries 2007

The following Vision for Nebraska Libraries was created by the participants of the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, July 9-13, 2007, Schuyler, Nebraska.

The 2007 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute embodies a customer-centered library community that:

- ☞ Reflects our diverse population, fosters global discourse, and is a vital and active hub of cultural experience and exposure for its constituency.
- ☞ Targets the needs of current and prospective users in order to engage and connect them with resources, services and opportunities.
- ☞ Integrates innovative technologies with traditional information to create dynamic physical and virtual environments.
- ☞ Motivates a responsive, committed staff who enthusiastically supports the strategic vision of our library community.

To view previous Leadership Institutes vision statements from 2001, 2003, and 2005:

www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/vision/visionnelib.html

The next Leadership Institute will be July 19-24, 2009.



Top row: SA- Kathy Ellerton & Sherry Houston, M-Milton Wolf, SA-Sharon Osenga, Kathy Thomsen, M-Nancy Busch, Ashley Phillips, Misty Prochaska, Jenni Puchalla, Terri Johnson, Michael Straatmann, Laura Bass, Julee Hector, Lisa Flaxbeard, Brad Hruska, Judy Anghelescu, M-Rod Wagner, M-Greg Mickells, M/SA-Brenda Ealey, Erin Mockler, Vicki Wood. Middle row: M-Steve Shorb, Charlene Maxey-Harris, Jennifer Jazyanka, Cindy Schuller, Jill Owens, Karen Berry, Krista Kloster, Sally Snyder, M-Gail Formanack. Bottom row: Megan Boggs, Erica Rose, Marcia Schipper, F-Becky Schreiber, Judith Wolfe, Christine Walsh, Martha Schwindt. Front: F-John Shannon, M/SA-Kathy Tooker
F-Facilitator M-Mentor SA-System Administrator

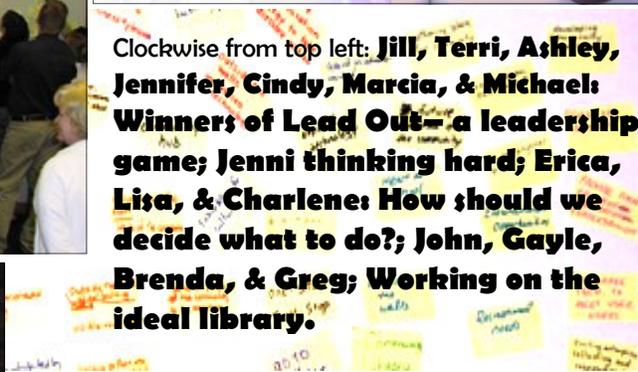
Who are the NLC Commission Members?

There are 6 Commission members who are appointed by the governor. They serve without pay and are responsible for oversight of the Nebraska Library Commission.

To the right -NLC Commissioners: Velma Sims-Shipley-Fremont, Jean Ahrens-Scottsbluff, John Dale-Lincoln, Mary Nelson-Holdrege, Carol Spencer-Broken Bow, Patrick Gross-Wayne with Rod Wagner, NLC Director.



Clockwise from top left: **Jill, Terri, Ashley, Jennifer, Cindy, Marcia, & Michael: Winner; of Lead Out— a leadership game; Jenni thinking hard; Erica, Lisa, & Charlene: How should we decide what to do?; John, Gayle, Brenda, & Greg; Working on the ideal library.**



The 13th Annual

Youth Services Retreat

September 6-7, 2007

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday and the retreat ends after lunch on Friday

Here is what you have to look forward to:

Thursday – 9/6

- 8:30-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-10:15 – Introductions and Getting Acquainted
- 10:15-10:30 – Break
- 10:30 – Noon – Karen Drevo “Spice Up Programming for Young Children with Spanish Language Experience”
- 12-1 – Lunch
- 1-2:30 – Allana Novotny “Second Life”
- 2:30-2:45 – Break
- 2:45-4:00 – Wendy Anderson “Finger Plays & Puppets”
- Free Time
- 5:30 – Dinner
- Evening – Yoga, Campfire, Hayrack Ride

Friday – 9/7

- 8:00 – Breakfast
- 8:30-9:30 – AccuCut Ideas for the Library
- 9:30-10:30 – Megan Boggs “After Hours & Creative Programs for Teens”
- 10:45 – Noon – Sally Snyder – “Book Reviews & 2008 Summer Reading Program”
- Noon – Lunch



You don't want to miss a minute and, hopefully, you can stay for the entire retreat, however, we have some options for those that can't.

**Maximum CE
credit - 9 hours**

Please check all that apply:

Name _____ Library _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- ___ Thursday only, includes lunch \$40
- ___ Friday only, includes lunch \$25
- ___ Both days with overnight, double occupancy \$110 (includes all meals)
- ___ Both days with overnight, single occupancy \$140 (includes all meals)
- ___ Hayrack ride on Thursday night \$2 (can pay at retreat, weather pending)

Make checks payable to Eastern Library System

Register by August 31st.

Send to:
Eastern Library System
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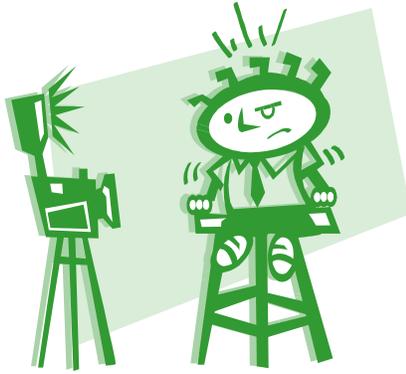


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Who is the presenter?

This is a **LAMA** (Library Administration and Management Association) program. **Alexis H. Sarkisian**, winner of the 2004 Northwestern University Alumni Association Service Award will present. She has an undergraduate degree in communications, and an MS in education, which certified her as a school library media specialist. After working with East Chicago Public Schools as manager of instructional technology, she became community programming director with WMAQ-TV, NBC, Chicago, where she earned an Emmy Award for best information program series. She now owns her own consulting business which has an emphasis on library marketing and communications. One of her clients is the North Suburban Library System in Wheeling, Illinois. She is also an instructor in the GSLIS at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois. She has implemented library marketing projects that won the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award.

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Copyright Law– Part 1 by Phyllis Brunken

This article is the first of a six-part series on copyright for educators and public librarians based on the questions from participants of the many workshops that I have presented over that last ten years. Any presentation or article I prepare must contain the following statement: I am not an attorney and this bibliography and article may not be substituted for formal legal advice from an attorney well versed in school law and copyright law.

Why is understanding copyright law important? Copyright law protects the rights of the owner of nearly everything in our libraries and schools. We must understand copyright law and its exceptions such as “fair use” to facilitate the utilization of the library and educational materials by our patrons, teachers and students.

The first place to start with copyright law is a list of my favorite resources:

- *Copyright Catechism; Practical answers to Everyday School Dilemmas* by Carol Simpson, Worthington, Ohio, Linworth Publishing, 2005
- *Copyright for Schools; a Practical Guide* by Carol Mann Simpson Second Edition, Worthington, Ohio, Linworth Publishing, 1997 and Fourth Edition 2005
- Copyright Articles by Carrie Russell in School Library Journal
- *Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators* by Dr. Kenneth Crews, ALA, 2005
- *Concept of Fair Use* – Dr. Ken Crews www.copyright.iupui.edu/checklist.htm
- Nebraska Library Commission -- Copyright Handbook www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/copyright/copyright1.html
- Hal Davidson’s Classroom Copyright Chart www.mediafestival.org/copyrightchart.html
- *When U.S. Works Pass Into Public Domain* by Lolly Gasaway www.unc.edu/~unclng/public-d.htm
- *Copyright Term and the Public Domain in the United States*, January 1, 2007 www.copyright.cornell.edu/training/Hirtle_Public_Domain.htm

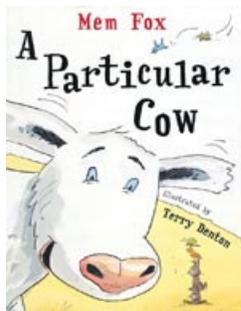
Please send an email to me if you want a complete bibliography of my recommended copyright law resources or have a copyright law question. Phyllis Brunken pbrunken@cox.net

NEXT: Part II – Fair Use

Part 1 of a 6 part series

Mark your calendars and get in your registrations now!

Mem Fox is coming back to Nebraska!



She will be presenting *Dirt Roads or Highways? Two Different Directions to Literacy* and *Reading Aloud So People Stay Awake, Stay Active and Stay With You* on Wednesday October 24, 2007 in Kearney before the NLA/NEMA Conference.

Please visit

www.readaloudnebraska.org/mem_fox_registration.pdf
to get more information and to register.

Space is limited, so please start planning now!

****The Nebraska Regional Library Systems are offering a scholarship awarded to one person from each system to attend Mem Fox . Contact your System Office 800-288-6063 / bsealey@alltel.net / jennip@alltel.net.**

Know the code? You will . . .

The following two classes have been scheduled in the **Nebraska Library Commission's** Heron Room and in the **Morton-James Public Library** computer lab, Nebraska City. Seating is very limited, so don't wait to register.



Introduction to Web Page Creation with XHTML

Even if you use FrontPage, Dreamweaver, Drupal to Blogger to create your Web site, there's XHTML under the hood. This six-hour workshop will give you a basic understanding of how the eXtensible HyperText Markup language works and how to create Web pages using it through a hands-on approach. By the end of the day attendees will be able to create new pages from scratch and have a solid foundation on which to build their future Web page creation skills.

Instructor: Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

Nebraska Library Commission: August 16, 9 am - 4pm (Lunch is on your own)

Morton-James Public Library: September 4, 9 am - 4 pm (Lunch is on your own)

To Register: Go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp and enter **XHTML** for your search

Style Your Web Site with CSS

Once you have the content of your Web page written and your markup code added, it's time to add some style. Cascading Style Sheets is the language that gives you the power to make your pages look the way you want them to. CSS also allows you to give your site a consistent look across all of your pages in less code than you'd imagine. Ultimately, designing your Web site using CSS allows you to accomplish more work, in less time, and make your site easier to manage over the long-term. This full-day, hands-on workshop, will give you the basic skills to begin designing professional future-compatible looking Web sites. (Attendees must have a working knowledge of HTML and/or XHTML before attending this workshop.)

Instructor: Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

Nebraska Library Commission: September 6, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Lunch is on your own)

Morton-James Public Library: September 25, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Lunch is on your own)

To Register: Go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp and enter **CSS** for your search

The deadline for submission of nominations for the Mad Hatter Award has been extended!

Nominations Sought for Mad Hatter Award

The Mad Hatter Youth Service Award, presented by the School, Children's and Young People's Section (SCYP) of the Nebraska Library Association, recognizes an individual in the Nebraska library profession who has made an outstanding contribution to librarianship and library development for young people.

Nominees must be members of SCYP. Nominations may be made by librarians, administrators, principals, or members of the Nebraska Library Association. The nomination form is available on the Mad Hatter website: www.nebraskalibraries.org/SCYP/MadHatter.html

The nomination form and supporting materials must be returned to Kathy Schultz, Hastings Public Library, 517 W 4th St, Hastings NE 68901, by September 15, 2007.

What's New from the Commission?

Note: the Nebraska Library Commission is our state library and is located in downtown Lincoln. It provides funding to the six Regional Library Systems and is responsible for tracking Continuing Education hours, ILL, reference, network services, certification, and accreditation, among other things.

- Need some extra technical training or a social software primer? The Library Commission is sponsoring two-day workshops across the state in an effort to help libraries manage their public access computers and learn about innovative technologies. These workshops are offered through grant funding from the Gates Foundation's Staying Connected grant and will be taught by our new Technology Innovation Librarian, Michael Sauer. The two-day workshops will be available at six sites in the state and participants can choose to attend one or both days of the workshops. Participants will also be offered mileage reimbursement and lodging costs if they are traveling 60 or more miles one way to attend.

Priority for registration will be given to those from public libraries, but after a certain date if seats are still available we will open up registration, and offer the same reimbursements, to staff from all library types.

To read more about the workshops, reimbursement details, registration, etc. visit our Gates Foundation Technology Training Sessions 2007 site at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/gates/gatestechtraining2007.html

- Want to try out some of the games that can bring new users into your library? Come to the NEBASE Annual Meeting on August 9 and play them yourself! We will have a gaming room set up throughout the meeting with:

Wii Sports - Tennis, Baseball, Golf, Bowling and Boxing

Dance Dance Revolution - PlayStation 2

Guitar Hero II - Xbox 360

Come play with us!



- Come to the NEBASE Annual Meeting on **August 9** to see the WorldCat Local beta being run at the University of Washington Libraries.
OCLC Update and WorldCat Local: Global Network, Local Results - OCLC is piloting its new WorldCat Local service that will allow your library to customize WorldCat.org as a solution for local discovery and delivery services. WorldCat Local interoperates with locally maintained services like circulation, resource sharing and resolution to full text to present a locally branded interface to your patrons.

Location: Cornhusker Marriot Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln

Date and Time: August 9, 8:45 am - 3:45 pm (Central Time)

To register: Go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp and enter **Global network** for your search

**Southeast Library System Board Meeting
June 29, 2007 Lincoln, Nebraska**

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE – Lincoln Libraries); Scott Childers (University of NE – Lincoln Libraries); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Kris Rogge (Johnson); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools)
Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission)
Board Members Absent: Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center Library); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Ken Gunselman (York College Levitt Library)

Agenda

I. What's New Around the System: Vice-President Thomsen called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm. Schmitz reported that the libraries are still in transition within the regional centers. Childers and Bernthal reported that Beth McNeil, Associate Dean, has accepted a position at Purdue University and is leaving the University Libraries. Frank reported that the wall in the Greenwood Public Library has been fixed. Olivigni reported that the summer reading program went well and Crete Public Library again had city employee volunteers to read. Willnerd reported that Lincoln Public Schools has hired five new librarians and plans to hire one more. Plans are being worked on for a new elementary school with some thoughts of including a public library. Baker reported that circulation for June set a record at Seward Memorial Library and that the reading club surpassed its goal of reading 5,000 books. Weeding is taking place at the library and boxes of free books will be available the first week in July at the library. Rogge reported that the meeting about a possible Johnson library went well and they are looking for a location. Hegr reported that the library has had a very busy summer which included the summer reading program. The Morton-James Public Library will soon be moving the computer room to the main floor using funds from the interest off of a donor contribution which came about after the library's addition. Thomsen reported that the Alice M. Farr Library also had a successful summer reading program. She also reported that the Follett automated library system was finally up and running after six weeks without a working circulation module and lost data files. Follett gave little support or compensation for the problems.

II. Announcement of New Board Members: Ealey announced the names of the newly elected SELS board members. They are: Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City), Kim McCain (Tri County Schools, DeWitt), Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center), Kris Rogge (Johnson). 38% of the election ballots were returned (up from 31% last year). Becky Baker will be leaving the board after serving two terms. The SELS thanked Baker for her years of service.

III. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes for April 12, 2007 was made by Frank and seconded by Rogge. Motion carried.

IV. Financial Report: Puchalla commented about the financial and transaction reports and answered questions from board members. There was discussion about the problem of starting the budget year with no reserve. Childers suggested a small group get together to discuss this in further detail. Rogge suggested that perhaps having NLC do a biennial evaluation of the systems' budgets might improve the budget situation. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Frank and seconded by Olivigni. Motion carried.

V. SELS Proposed Budget 2007/2008: Ealey pointed out the following areas where additional funds might be found:

Request for Basic Skills Instructor Pay from NLC – Right now Ealey does not get any compensation from NLC for teaching these courses, although System administrators that take vacation to teach are compensated.

SELS could bid for the contract with the Nebraska Department of Corrections Libraries, to serve as the professional MLS consultant required for accreditation. In the past the Metropolitan Community College has had this contract.

No pay increase for Administrator Contract – Ealey noted that the proposed budget includes a 3% increase in salary.

Successful grants and e-rate application in the past have provided additional funds to utilize in providing services.

After discussion, Olivigni made a motion to approve the SELS proposed Budget for 2007/2008. Childers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. SELS Friends Bylaws: Baker presented the SELS Friends Bylaws to the board. The bylaws are patterned after the FOLUSA bylaws. The fiscal year for the friends would begin July 1, 2007. Bernthal made a friendly

amendment to the bylaws suggesting that the SELS Friends Board and SELS Board be clearly identified and distinguished within the bylaws. Bernthal made a motion that the SELS board approves the SELS Friends Bylaws, Rogge seconded the motion. Motion carried. Willnerd made a motion that Thomsen, Olivigni, Schmitz, Frank and Baker be appointed to serve as the first board members of the SELS Friends group with staggering two-year and four year terms. Childers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. Bylaws: The SELS Bylaws were reviewed by a group of SELS board members and the proposed revised bylaws were distributed to board members prior to the meeting. After some discussion and subsequent alterations, Baker made a motion to approve the revised SELS Bylaws. Olivigni seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ealey will check on the open meetings law for compliance.

VIII. Administrator's Report: Ealey highlighted several of her activities from April 12, 2007 to June 29, 2007 as outlined in her written report. CASTL meetings were held in Falls City (April) and in Seward (June). Ealey co-hosted, with Kathy Tooker (ELS), the Spring Colloquium with Kate Marek in April. Puchalla and Ealey started a SELS blog and wiki. Ealey attended NLA Public Library Section spring meetings throughout the state during May and co-presented with Adam Prochaska, an attorney with Harding & Shultz, a program on Intellectual Freedom. These presentations are a follow-up to the charge for those who attended the Law for Librarians program in Chicago last year. These programs also supported her role as chair of NLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee. In May, SELS again held the highly successful Training Extravaganza at Hamilton College in Lincoln with 44 in attendance. Brenda attended the Book Expo America in New York City in May. Puchalla and Ealey attended a meeting in Johnson to talk about possible considerations for a library. McCool Junction now has a combination Learning Center and Public Library. CASTL online discussions continue to provide useful support to smaller libraries. Ealey was involved in the planning of the 2007 Library Leadership Institute and prepared final reports and surveys for MPLA Road Trip and Spring Colloquium CE Grants. She also worked on Intellectual Freedom preparations for the NLA Annual Conference. Ealey attended the NLC/Systems Quarterly meeting in April held in Lincoln and the May and June meetings of the Regional Library System Administrators in Omaha and Hastings. Puchalla and Ealey attended a committee meeting to help plan the "Happy Trails Salon" casino night as part of the NLA Annual Conference as a benefit to the NLA Legacy Fund. Puchalla, Willnerd and Baker attended the Nebraska Library Commissioners meeting in May. Baker and Ealey attended a Basic Skills restructuring meeting organized by NLC's Laura Johnson. Baker also attended the Nebraska Center for the Book meeting in Seward to express SELS' interest in being involved in the 2008 One Book One Nebraska project. Other activities included attending the SELS Friends' Aged to Perfection 2007 fundraiser and attending several ACLU activities and writing letters of support for various NLA awards. The Technology plan was prepared and sent to Richard Miller for a three year certification as a requirement for participation in the e-rate program. The SELS office also prepared and distributed the ballots for the board elections. Several board members also volunteered time to help with getting the ballots prepared for mailing. Puchalla and Ealey prepared the 2006/2007 SELS Annual Report: SELS by the #'s and the proposed 2007/2008 budget that were distributed and discussed at the meeting.

IX. NLC Report: Richard Miller distributed a written NLC report. He noted that the "Thinking Outside the Borders" International Leadership institute still has a few openings. It will be held October 22 – 26, 2007. WebJunction has released information on Rural Library Sustainability (webjunction.org/stafftraining). Nebraska could win 50,000 books by participating in "What Book Got You Hooked?" giveaway contest. You can now check your own librarian certification record at the NLC website. Contact Laura Johnson or Linda Jensen for help. The deadline for applying for NLC library education scholarships is July 1, 2007. The Nebraska Book Festival is October 26-27, 2007 in downtown Lincoln. A reminder that technology plans need to be approved before applying for the discount Internet access under the federal E-rate program (Form 486). NLC will be involved in the Gates Foundation Spanish Language Outreach Program, headed up by Sally Snyder. Watch for details in the fall. Sally Snyder was chosen NLC's Employee of the Year. CE & Training grant applications are due August 1, 2007. The NEBASE annual meeting will be August 8, 2007. ALA's new website for the general public is at ilovelibraries.org.

Election of Board Officers: Brenda presented the slate of officers. Kris Rogge made a motion to accept the nominees by acclamation. Becky Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried. The SELS Board Officers for 2007/2008 are: President – Glenda Willnerd, Vice President – Karen Frank, Secretary – Scott Childers.

XI. August Board Meeting/Planning Retreat: The next board meeting will be on Thursday, August 30 in either Lincoln or Nebraska City.

XII. Committee Assignments and Updates: The CE, CP, and CNN committee assignments will be decided at the August meeting.

XIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm

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when the sun is shining,
the breeze is blowing,
the birds are singing,
and the lawn mower is
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