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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

September 2011

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SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

Figured it's time for a "wee" refresher on the topic of CIPA, filters and intellectual freedom. And, I know I'm hearing groaning from the audience — but this is an important topic, and I hope you'll do me (and yourselves) the favor of at least reading and even better considering, and asking questions if you have them. Intellectual Freedom is a foundational principle for librarianship. I'm getting the feeling that we familiarize ourselves with other legalities to a much better extent than we do for a principle highlighted in the Library Bill of Rights and Code of Ethics, let alone in the United States Constitution. I'm also getting the feeling that we may be approaching the point where we are letting laws like the Children's Internet Protect Act (CIPA) become our justification for censoring those things that make us uncomfortable, or those areas that might get us into those gut wrenching conversations on ethics. On the other hand, I realize it's a complicated issue and we are not attorneys, we're librarians. I'll give you an out that perhaps we've just misinterpreted our role. So, keep reading — here's what I know:

The Children's Internet Protect Act (CIPA) requires libraries to filter the internet, IF they receive federal funds for Internet access — which would include grants and e-rate discounts. In order for libraries to comply with CIPA without infringing on 1st Amendment protected internet material it's suggested that:

- *Choose the lowest default level of filtering possible, to minimize the amount of protected speech that will be blocked.* The internet is NOT like public broadcasting. It has the same level of constitutionally protected speech as books and periodicals. One more time, **the internet has the same level of constitutionally protected speech as books and periodicals.** So, you can't discriminate based on the content of speech or expression. Limitations may be placed on time, place, or manner of access to library resources but they must be viewpoint neutral. You can't refuse to provide access based solely on the viewpoint expressed. Now, having said that, there are areas of speech that receive no protection or limited protection: Commercial speech, Obscenity, Fighting Words, Child Pornography, Defamation and Troop location at a time of war. Note — just because something is sexually explicit does not mean it's obscene — that's a decision made by the courts and the work must be considered as a whole.

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Check out
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Eastern
Southeast Library
Systems Present...

The 2011 Fall Colloquium

Embassy Suites, La Vista

November 9, 2011

5:30-6:30 Social Hour with cash bar
6:30-7:30 Dinner
7:30-8:30 Presentation by Jo Budler
8:30-9:30 Time for Questions and Discussion

Negotiation, Collaboration, Risk-Taking, and Politics

Featuring Jo Budler, Kansas State Librarian

Prior to her appointment in Kansas, she served as the Ohio State Librarian, and earlier as the deputy state librarian for the Library of Michigan. Jo is a former Nebraskan and was the director of Network Services and NEBASE at the Nebraska Library Commission. She holds a master's in library science and a master's of fine arts in Writers' Workshop, both from the University of Iowa.



She received national attention in the eBook arena for negotiations with OverDrive regarding fees that she felt were "unreasonable, unsustainable and unacceptable" which has resulted in exploration of a beta product with another vendor.

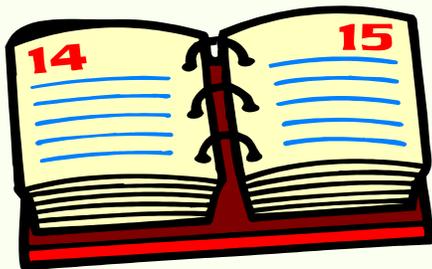
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Email: _____
Organization: _____

Select:

- ◊ Lemon Caper Chicken
Grilled chicken breast in a lemon caper butter sauce. Served with parmesan potato croquettes.
- ◊ Grilled Portabella Margherita
Portabella mushroom marinated and grilled topped with roma tomatoes, mozzarella, basil chiffonnade and pine nuts and resting atop Italian herb butter couscous. Served with a side of asparagus or vegetable medley.

Send registration and \$40 by November 2nd to:

Southeast Library System
5730 R St, Ste C-1
Lincoln, NE 68505
Fax: 402.467.6196



CALENDAR

September 2011

September – Library Card Sign-up Month – a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that the most important school supply of all is @ your library ® — it's your library card! You can find free promotional materials on the ALA website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card/index.cfm>.

September 6th – 16th – Basic Skills – Library Services to Children & Youth. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (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.

September 8th & 9th – Youth Services Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp.

September 9th – 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.

September 10th— Meet Christian Fiction Author Beverly Lewis at Barnes & Noble South Pointe in Lincoln, 10:00-11:00 AM

September 16th – CASTL Meeting at Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City – meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We'll have instruction on CPR, use of a defibrillator and basic first aid. Training will be provided by an EMT with hands on practice and time for questions. For this month's book discussion please book talk a favorite summer read of your choice, or read *The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman – this year's One Book Many Librarians selection for NLA/NEMA conference. 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.

September 19th – 30th – Basic Skills – Communication. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (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.

September 20th – NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Libraries) Meeting

September 24th - Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival.

September 24th – YART (Young Adult Round Table) Fall Meeting at Hastings Public Library from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Includes program on: Intellectual Freedom, Author Visits, School/Public Cooperation, Booktalks and program sharing, and more. For more information see the flyer on page 15 or visit the YART blog: <http://nlayart.blogspot.com/>.

September 24th – October 1st – Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. For ideas, resources, press kits and more go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm>.

September 28th – October 2nd - Lincoln City Libraries Annual Book Sale at Lancaster Event Center. September 28th is the pre-sale from 6 to 8:30 with \$30 for pre-registration or \$40 at door. September 29th through the 2nd is the public sale and it is free to all. Hours are Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 7, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5, and Sunday 10 a.m. to 2.

September 29th – October 2nd – 14th Annual LITA National Forum: Rivers of Data, Currents of Change in St. Louis, Missouri. The LITA National Forum is a 3-day educational event featuring pre-conferences, keynote, concurrent poster sessions that explore leading-edge technologies and their applications in all types of libraries. Early-bird rates through August 15th – and more details can be found at: www.lita.org.

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October 5th – 7th – NLA/NEMA Annual Conference in Lincoln. To find more information and the conference program go to: <http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2011/home>

October 10th – 21st – Basic Skills – Reference. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (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.

October 15th—Local Author Event at Barnes and Noble South Pointe, 2:00-3:00 PM

October 16th – 22nd – National Friends of Libraries Week coordinated by ALTAFF (Citizens for Libraries) to celebrate Friends and to promote your group in the community. Also a good time to recognize Friends for their help and support. You can find more information as well as ideas for celebrating and marketing and PR materials at: http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/events_conferences/folweek/index.cfm.

October 16th – 22nd – Teen Read Week. This year's theme is Picture It @ your library ® to encourage teens to read graphic novels and other illustrated materials, seek out creative books, or imagine the world through literature, just for the fun of it. Teen Read Week is an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and you can find more information, activity ideas, promotional materials, reading lists go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2011/home.cfm>.

October 20th—Meet Children's Author Tyler Whitesides at Barnes and Noble South Pointe, 6:30 PM

October 26th – SELS Board Meeting at Fairmont Public Library. Meeting starts at 10 a.m.

October 27th – 30th – American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Conference in Minneapolis. For details on the conference go to: www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/national.cfm. Also, if you are looking for inexpensive transportation and fun, NEMA (Nebraska Educational Media Association) has chartered a bus.

November 3rd – CASTL Meeting at Walt Branch Library in Lincoln (6701 S. 14th), starting at 10 a.m. We'll view the Booklist Webinar on Book Groups and Book Selections with Rebecca Vnuk. Then for fun choose a book that involves a chef, or cooking or food for our book talks and sharing this month – which should fit well with the approaching holiday season. If you need some ideas NPR provided reviews of 5 books that sound scrumptious: *Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef* by Gabrielle Hamilton; *Life, On The Line: A Chef's Story of Chasing Greatness, Facing Death, and Redefining the Way We Eat* by Grant Achatz and Nick Kokonas; *Beaten, Seared, and Sauced: On Becoming a Chef at the Culinary Institute of America* by Jonathan Dixon; *Day of Honey: A Memoir of Food, Love and War* by Annia Ciezadlo; and *Lunch in Paris: A Love Story, with Recipes* by Elizabeth Bard. 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.

November 4th – David Biedrzycki, Children's Book Author & Illustrator, is presenting at a Read Aloud Nebraska workshop at LaVista Public Library. Biedrzycki will stress the importance of reading aloud during the writing process, share tools for teaching creative writing and demonstrate his digital illustration technique. More details will be coming soon at: www.readaloudnebraska.org.

November 7th – 18th – Basic Skills – Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (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.

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November 12th – National Gaming Day – register at: <http://svy.mk/ngd11reg>, and find more information at: <http://ngd.ala.org/category/2011-national-gaming-day/>.

November 17th – SELS Summer Reading Workshop at Beatrice Public Library, see page 5 for more information.

November 26th – SELS Friends Bookfair at Barnes & Noble South Pointe or online.

November 28th – December 9th – Basic Skills – Collection Management. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (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.

SELS Summer

Reading Workshop

Beatrice Public Library

November 17, 2011

9:00 to 9:30 Welcome & morning refreshments

9:30 to 10:30 Lindsey Tomsu presents Vampire Literature

10:45 to 11:30 Lindsay Rogers, Wildlife Education Specialist
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, presents Nocturnal
Animals

11:30 to 12:30 Brainstorming

12:30 to 1:30 Lunch and use of die cut machines

1:30 to 2:30 Susan Weber presents on behalf of the Nebraska
State Quilt Guild

2:45 to 3:45 Sally Snyder presents Book Reviews

Die cut machines will be available for use until 4:30

This year's themes: Children's - Dream Big - Read;
Teen - Own the Night; Adult - Between the Covers

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

**Earn 5 CE hours. Registration deadline is November 11th. Send registration and \$15
(includes lunch from Valentino's) to:**

Southeast Library System

5730 R St, Ste C1

Lincoln, NE 68505

Libraries, Laws and Lee Lawrie



with keynote speaker:
Greg Harm

AGENDA

9 a.m. | Room 1126
Registration Meet & Greet
Morning Refreshments

9:30 a.m. | Warner Chamber
Welcome and Capitol restoration
update with **Bob Ripley**, Capitol
Administrator

10 a.m. | Warner Chamber
Lee Lawrie's Capitol Sculptures
with **Greg Harm**, Keynote

11:30 a.m. | Tours
Walking Tour of
Capitol Sculptures

Noon | Lunch
Catered **Luncheon**

1 p.m. | Tour
Law Library tour with
Marie Wiechman, Librarian,
Nebraska State Library

2 p.m. | Tour
Capitol Archives tour with
Karen Wagner, Capitol Archivist

3 p.m. | Warner Chamber
Classic Capitol tour with
Roxanne Smith, Tourism Supervisor

Q & A discussion

4 p.m.
Dismissal

Nebraska Library Association Preconference

Wednesday, October 5, 2011
Nebraska State Capitol
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

About the Preconference

- ◊ *Our full-day Preconference at the State Capitol will be a first for NLA. It will showcase the State Capitol special collections on site and reflect on our state history. This will be a truly unique experience for all who appreciate special collections and Nebraska History.*
- ◊ *Attendance will be limited to 35 due to space and time constraints.*

Preconference Notes

Registration fee: \$25

Casual dress is preferred as the tours will involve some walking.

Cameras are permitted as this is a public building. Photography is not permitted in the Capitol Archives.



Special & Institutional Section
www.nebraskalibraries.org/
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College & University Section
www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/

Greg Harm, Keynote is a writer, researcher, biographer, author, photographer and lecturer who is passionate about the art and life of 20th Century American architectural sculptor, Lee Lawrie (1877-1963). Part documentarian and part evangelist, Harm is intent on sharing his discoveries with the world. He has been studying Lawrie's life and work since 2000, when he first discovered Lawrie's mostly undocumented presence outside of Nebraska.

His first book, **LEE LAWRIE'S PRAIRIE DECO: HISTORY IN STONE AT THE NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL**, documents Lawrie's work at the Nebraska State Capitol as Lawrie's largest commission.

He is currently working on his next book, a fully illustrated biography of Lawrie, tentatively titled, **DISCOVERING LAWRIE: AMERICA'S MACHINE AGE MICHELANGELO**. In addition, has two websites dedicated to Lawrie: (www.bisonwerks.com and www.LeeLawrie.com) dedicated to Lawrie.

Mr. Harms is working on a second edition of **LEE LAWRIE'S PRAIRIE DECO: HISTORY IN STONE AT THE NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL** that he will present from at his session.

Copies of Harm's book will be available for sale at the S & I booth during the preconference.

The 1st edition is available for purchase at the Capitol Gift shop.



AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to LaVonda Bando and Lisa Guthals, who both received a scholarship from the SELS Friends this round. Watch for another opportunity to apply for scholarship funds in January.

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SELS Friend Private Movie Showings

Many upcoming movies are being considered for private showings. Included in this list are: The Invention of Hugo Cabret (2011); Hunger Games (2012) and Catching Fire (2013); The Hobbit part 1 (2012) and part 2 (2013); The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (2011) and sequels (2012 and an unknown date); One for the Money (2012); and Dark Shadows (2012). If you would like to see any of these, or other movies you've heard are coming, please be sure to communicate with any member of the SELS Friends Board or email info@selsfriends.org.

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Karen Frank—Reigning Iron Librarian!

Because of a variety of conflicts, the 2011 Iron Librarian event was not held as planned, so Karen Frank remains the reigning Iron Librarian for another year. However, the annual meeting was held and minutes will be posted online soon.

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Cookbooks Still Available

Cookbooks will remain for sale until the first (and only) printing is gone – get yours now – still only \$10! Copies will be available at the NLA/NEMA annual conference in October. Other conference highlights will include raffles for a Color Nook along with several other baskets of wonderful items. Baker's Chocolates will again be for sale, always a favorite. And, we will once again be part of the Scavenger Hunt.

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Don't Forget the Book Fair!

The November book fair at Barnes & Noble SouthPointe has been changed from Friday, November 25 to Saturday, November 26, in part because of the home NU football game beginning at 11:00 a.m. Hilary Sire from Barnes & Noble plans to help the SELS Friends offer some special incentives to librarians who attend, so mark your calendars now!

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Important Dates At A Glance:

October 6-7: NLA/NEMA Conference, Lincoln. Be sure to stop by the SELS Friends table!

—DATE CHANGE—November 26: Barnes and Noble Book Fair at South Pointe

NLA/NEMA Conference

Nebraska Regional Library Systems' Pre-Conference Workshop

Shortcuts to Greatness:

10 Things that Great Libraries Know and Maybe You Don't

Presented by Karen Hyman

- What makes a library great?
- Are there shortcuts to greatness?
- Come and find out what great organizations know that you could borrow, adapt or shamelessly copy to jumpstart your library's move to the next level.

October 5, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Cornhusker Marriott

333 South 13th Street

Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

\$20

3 Continuing Education Credits

Register at the NLA/NEMA Conference Website:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2011/registration>



About Karen Hyman: She has worked in public libraries as a State Library Consultant, and as Executive Director of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative where she developed services for 600 member libraries. Her chief inspiration is her role as a library user which "clears the vision wonderfully."

This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

News Around the System

Ground-Breaking Summer Reading Program in Syracuse



General Contractor Scott Kreifels shows the children the layout of the new library.

Syracuse Library's ground-breaking ceremony was June 1, 2011. The new library, expected to be

finished by spring 2012, will clock in at 8,250 square feet. The Otto Wellensiek Estate provided a generous gift of \$1 million and the community was able to raise the rest of the funds, about \$400,000, for the library to be constructed.



Posing with some of the children.

Fairmont Public Library Receives Write-Up in the York News-Times

by Rachael Ruybalid, Staff Writer, York News-Times

FAIRMONT — With about 600 residents, Fairmont may be a tiny town but what it lacks in population, it definitely makes up for in its abundance of good reading material at the Fairmont Public Library.

With every shelf in the little library packed full of books, readers of all ages come to check out a novel, picture book or magazine.

Wanda Marget, the librarian of 18 years, does her best to order and stock books that she thinks users will enjoy. "I like to take suggestions and get books my patrons will like," Marget said. In a day and age when many small towns are seeing their libraries wither away and die for lack of use, Marget said that there is a never ending stream of patrons coming through the doors in Fairmont. In fact, that's what she thinks makes the library special; it's well used and well attended.

To read the rest of the article, please go to <http://www.yorknewstimes.com/articles/2011/08/18/news/doc4e4c734b61920105805573.txt>



Photo Credit News-Times/Rachael Ruybalid - Wanda Marget arranging new books on a shelf

Nebraska State Penitentiary Book Club

From Sam Shaw, DCS Library Coordinator and NSP Librarian

- ▶ The inmates at the Nebraska State Penitentiary have started a graphic novel discussion group. The second meeting was held on August 31st and members discussed *Watchmen*.

There are currently about twenty participating members in the group.



Selected Nebraska Golden Sower Award Nominee Titles 2012-2013

The GSA nominee list is developed by selection committees of volunteer readers representing classroom teachers, media specialists, and librarians in Nebraska. Each list is created from nominated titles sent in by participating libraries and schools from across the state. To see the full list of titles go to: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/goldensower/>

2012-2013 Primary Nominees

Nubs: *The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle* by Dennis, Brian, Kirby Larson & Mary Nethery.

The story of a wild dog who befriended Major Brian Dennis in Iraq, and, when they were separated, trekked seventy miles through the desert winter to rejoin his friend.

Memoirs of a Goldfish by Devin Scillian, Illustrated by Tim Bowers.

A goldfish gives a personal account of his experiences while swimming around his bowl as it slowly fills with fish and other accessories, only to realize when he is relocated for a cleaning how much he misses them.

Elsie's Bird by Jane Yolen. Illustrated by David Small.

Young Elsie must find a way to adapt to her new home on the Nebraska prairie after she and her father leave their comfortable city life in Boston.

2012-2013 Intermediate Nominees

Lucky: Maris, Mantle, and My Best Summer Ever by Wes Tooke.

Louis, who loves baseball despite being the worst stickball player in White Plains, New York, sees his opportunity to be bat boy for the 1961 New York Yankees team as the perfect way to escape the problems of his father's remarriage and moving to the suburbs.

The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester by Barbara O'Connor.

After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the pond, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola.

Walls Within Walls by Maureen Sherry, Illustrated by Adam Stower.

When the Smithfork family moves into a lavish Manhattan apartment building, they discover clues to a decades-old mystery hidden behind the walls of their new home.

2012-2013 Young Adult Nominees

Girl, Stolen by April Henry.

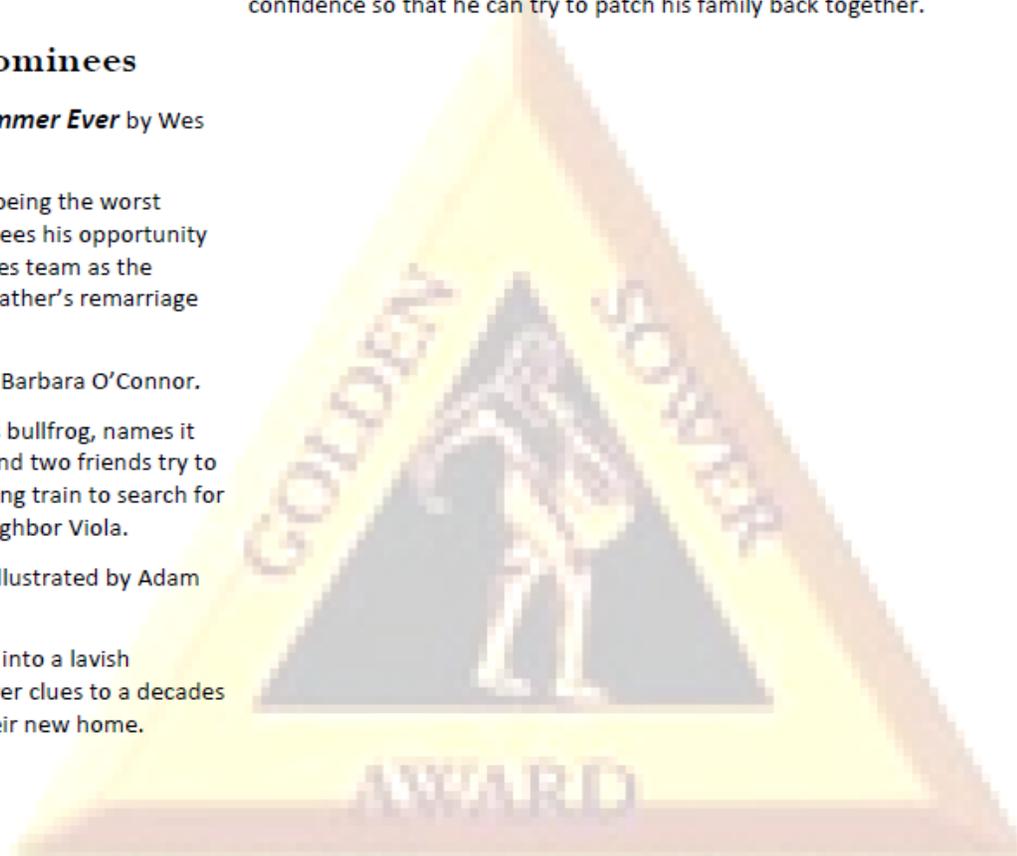
When an impulsive carjacking turns into a kidnapping, Griffin, a high school dropout, finds himself more in sympathy with his wealthy, blind victim, sixteen-year-old Cheyenne, than with his greedy father.

Scat by Carl Hiaasen.

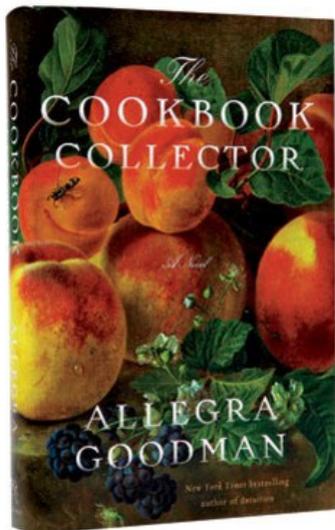
Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

Guitar Boy by M.J. Auch.

After his mother is severely injured in an accident and his father kicks him out of the house, thirteen-year-old Travis attempts to survive on his own until he meets a guitar maker and some musicians who take him in and help him regain his confidence so that he can try to patch his family back together.



News and Notes



One Book Many Librarians

Please join SELS in reading *The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman for this year's One Book Many Librarians book discussion at NLA/NEMA at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln on Thursday, October 6th. 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 *Kaaterskill Falls*. This is a great opportunity to relax and take part in an informal book discussion, while getting to know your colleagues in the state. The session is from 4:30 to 5:20 in the Arbor II room and refreshments will be served.

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/>.



MPLA 2012 Leadership Institute Application Deadline November 1, 2011



The 2012 Leadership Institute will be held May 6 - 11, 2012, at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado.

The Institute will again be facilitated by nationally known organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan.

Find guidelines and link to application form on the MPLA website:
<http://www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html>.

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Sustainable Libraries and Cinnamon Rolls at Bruun Memorial Library

CASTL met in Humboldt on August 11th and was hosted by Jorene Herr, director of the Bruun Memorial Library. We had the opportunity to view the recording of *The Sustainable Library* with Joan Frye Williams and George Needham from the PLA 2011 Virtual Spring Symposium. Joan and George provided us with some good discussion points for considering the sustainability of both existing and proposed library programs and services that included:

- Saying that library services are free is not enough if it takes longer or is not as



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.

- September 16th – Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City
- November 3rd – Lincoln—Walt Branch Library
- December 8th – Pawnee City Public Library
- January 13th - Geneva Public Library
- February 9th—Auburn Memorial Library
- March 23rd—Crete Public Library
- April 29th—Alice M. Farr library - Aurora
- June 1st—Seward Memorial Library

convenient.

- Current brand for libraries is “books” whether we want to hear that or not. And, if the public doesn’t understand that we are about more than that – that’s our problem. Librarians need to talk about results – and if the brand is books – then results from books. They provided an interesting metaphor to help think about this: A bakery doesn’t talk about the flour, and sugar and milk but the results of the ingredients, i.e. donuts or cakes.
- Are your library services designed for routine customer needs or exceptions? Does the service encourage repeat visits? Services have lifecycles. Change is not failure, and you can retire a service respectfully.
- Evaluate library services for sustainability then make informed decisions to keep, expand, modify, scale back or discontinue.
- Join in community conversations. Don’t go in to convert but to find common ground – not talking about the organization but the issue. You’ll either be at the table or on the menu.
- Do differently with less NOT more with less.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention the fabulous cinnamon rolls provided and made by Linda Wertz, Bruun Memorial Library board member. Attendees also now have the recipe so there are multiple perks beyond CE in attending a CASTL meeting.

Hope to see you in September in Nebraska City!

CASTL Wrap Up

Sowings, continued from front page

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- *Develop a procedure for disabling the filter for an adult that does not create an unreasonable burden. An adult customer does not have to provide a reason for a request to disable the filter.* An adult does not have to run the site they want to go to by your librarian radar first – they just need to ask. And, we already know that this is a step that for many will never happen, as it’s an extra barrier to get to what they want – and they won’t ask.
- *Develop a procedure by which any customer – adult or minor (under the age of 17) – may request that an inappropriately blocked site be unblocked.* Now, here’s the out for those under 17 in getting to “legit” sites for research, homework, or whatever within CIPA. In this case they again ask the librarian for help getting to a site that’s been blocked, and they will provide information on what the site is. Now, again, for many in this circumstance we know they just won’t ask, instead they’ll be frustrated that they can’t get to the resource they want to get to.
- **Notify customers of their right to request disabling or unblocking.** Libraries are encouraged to let customers know if computers are filtered and that they can request that the filter be disabled. This might be explained in the internet policy or use agreement, or perhaps posted by the computer stations, lab, or on the library website – whatever.

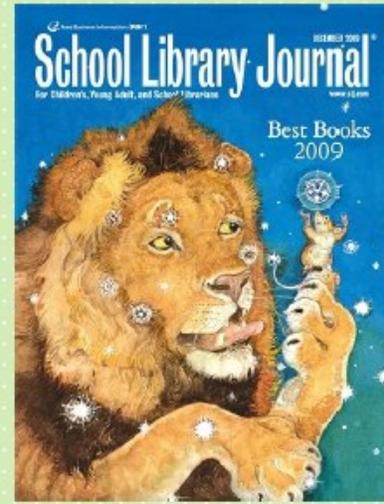
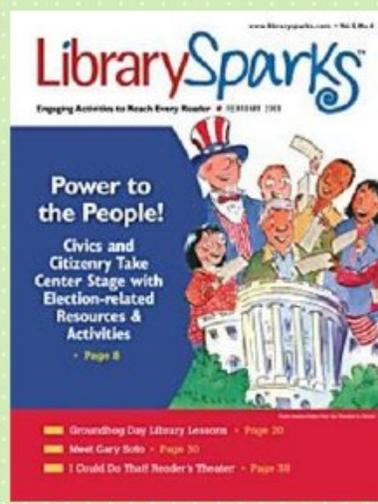
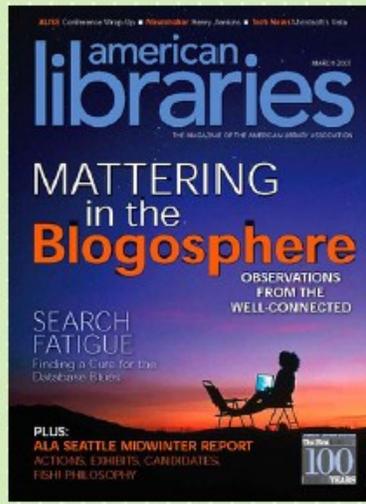
Note: **There is nothing in the law that prohibits offering voluntary choices of greater filtering levels to library customers.**

Many libraries make the choice not to participate in programs like e-rate for discounts on the cost of internet service just so they are not put into the dilemma of protected speech and CIPA. Those are libraries that have decided they cannot justify discounts to the cost of internet with the price of limiting access, or providing a barrier to access, for library customers and staff. (I’ve included staff, since with CIPA all computers in the library, including staff or non-public computers, are to be filtered if you receive federal funds or discounts for internet service.)

The American Library Association has information on their website (<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/federallegislation/cipa/cipafaqs.cfm>) that I’ve used frequently as a resource for information on this issue. It includes an FAQ and also a CIPA Legal FAQ which proves useful since we are librarians not attorneys. Perhaps a worthy activity for library staff, boards and friends this month is to review the Freedom to Read Statement which you can find online at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/statementspols/firstatement/freedomreadstatement.cfm>.

You could also visit the Freedom to Read Foundation page (<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/affiliates/relatedgroups/freedomtoreadfoundation/index.cfm>) and consider joining. They have a link to a free webinar on hosting Banned Books Week events on September 13th at 1 p.m. which I plan to take part in and hope you’ll consider, too.





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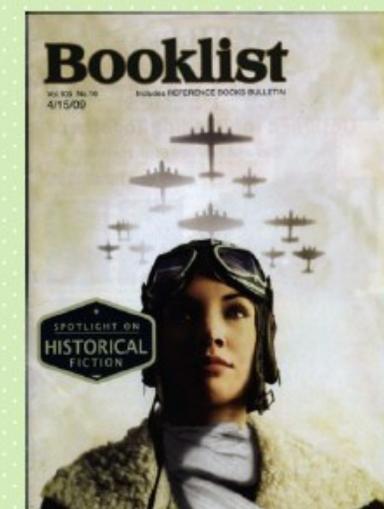
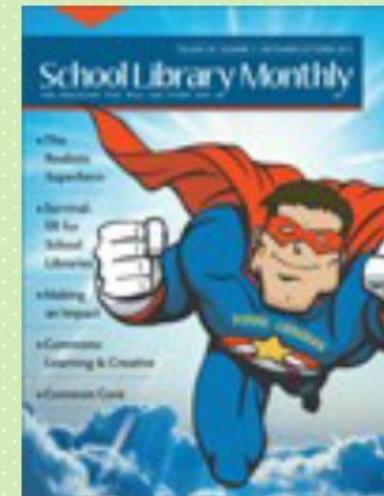
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Saturday September 24th

**517 W 4th Street
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9am – 12ish**

Come network with other YARTers, learn how YART can help you, leave with ideas for your fall programs and lesson plans, and maybe even win a prize!

Oh yeah, there will be donuts and coffee, too!

Agenda

1. Introductions and Booktalk/Program Share
2. Intellectual Freedom in your library: how to protect the reading rights of your students
3. An author spectacular! How Stacy Lickteig hosted some amazing author visits and advice to have your own!
4. How to help facilitate cooperation and happiness with your school/public counterparts.

*Optional lunch with YART board after the meeting. Tell us what you want to get out of YART

Cost: \$10 (\$5 if you bring a prize for our super fun white elephant door prize) and a program idea or book to share with us.

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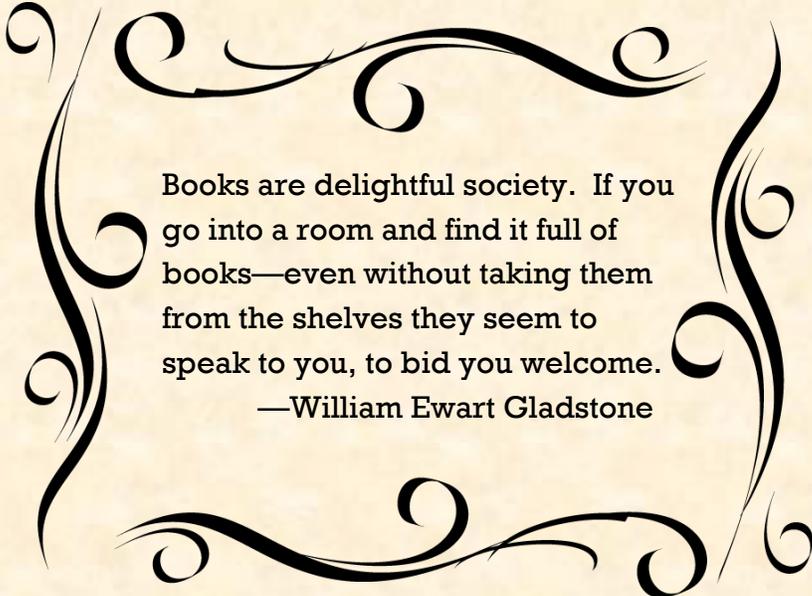
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