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Southeast Library System

September 2012

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By Brenda Ealey, SELS

Okay – I know I’m pushing it to talk about voting when you are being bombarded with campaign ads, but that makes it the ideal time to talk about some resources that provide good information and are not funded by a particular candidate, party or lobbyist group. Additionally, these resources should be useful to library customers trying to wangle their way through all the hype. So here goes:

Commission on Presidential Debates – www.debates.org/. Their mission is to: *provide the best possible information to viewers and listeners...* Here you’ll find information on the upcoming presidential and vice presidential debates, as well as some fascinating information on presidential debates of the past. If you think we’ve got issues now, perhaps a glimpse at 1858 and the discussion at that time regarding the Union and slavery will provide pause. You can also find an overview on hosting a DebateWatch which, I admit, sounds fun.

FactCheck.org – A project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center – www.factcheck.org/ - their mission is to: *reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics by monitoring the factual accuracy of what is said...* So, if you are curious about all the statements being bandied back and forth regarding Medicare, taxes, health care – you name it, here’s a resource. They have a weekly FactCheck Quiz just to test your knowledge, or offer the opportunity to ask your own FactCheck Question, or provide information on internet rumors through their Viral Spiral. And find the educational side of things with classroom tools at: **FactCheckEd.org**. It’s a succinct and well organized site.

Project Vote Smart – <http://votesmart.org/> - described as: *a unique research center located high in the Montana Rockies and far from the partisan influences of Washington...working hard to strengthen the most essential component of democracy – access to information.* So, if you want an overview of an issue, nationally or by a particular state, this is a great tool. Similarly you can find information on government officials (national and state) with biographies, voting records, issue positions and more. They also have Government 101 for good information or a refresher on how things work, including a bit on the Constitution, President, Electoral College, elections, and campaign finances.

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska – <http://lwv-ne.org> – their mission is to: *encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.* You can find information on specific legislation, voting rights and guides and downloadable voter information materials for Nebraska.

Rock the Vote – www.rockthevote.com – their mission is to: *engage and build p*

Check out
Southeast
Library
System on
Facebook!





Join the Southeast Library System Board and Friends in celebrating the newly remodeled SELS office by visiting our...

Open House

November 16, 2012

4:00 to 6:00 PM

5730 R St, Ste C-1 in Lincoln

Drop by after the Summer Reading Workshop and see all of the great resources the System has to offer your library.

Meet the board members, join the Southeast Library System Friends group, and most importantly, take a break after a long day with wines, cheeses, and desserts.

The office is conveniently located on R street between Gateway Mall, Target, and Barnes & Noble.



Southeast Library System Front Porch Award Application

The Front Porch Award is presented to a library (academic, institutional, public or school) that displays ingenuity in creating an atmosphere that welcomes patrons to their facility. This award and \$100 will be presented during National Library Week, April 14-20, 2013. Non-accredited libraries are welcome to apply.

Enclose the following with your nomination:

Name of Library: _____

Name of Individual submitting the application:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

- In 250 words or less, state why the library deserves this award.
- Information about activities/programs developed for the library.
- Two letters of recommendation from any library supporter.
- Any other information that shows the library deserves this award.

Nominations must be submitted to:

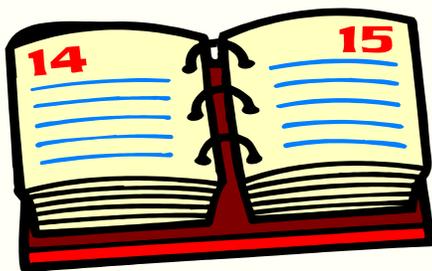
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Application deadline is March 1, 2013



CALENDAR

September 2012

September 10th to 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 13th & 14th – ELS/SELS Youth Services Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp.

September 18th – NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Librarians) Meeting in Kearney

September 20th – CASTL meeting at the Virgil Biegert Public Library in Shickley with the meeting starting at 10 a.m., and aiming to wrap up by 3 or 3:30. We'll have folks highlight an article from a professional journal for discussion by the group and provide information on the magazines available for routing through the SELS office. For the book talk portion of the day read *Getting Green Done* by Auden Schendler, who will be doing a talk and book signing in Lincoln at the Sustainability Summit on October 10th, or another environmental/nature story of your choice – such as – *The Wild Marsh: Four Seasons at Home In Montana* by Rick Bass – which received starred reviews from both Publishers Weekly and School Library Journal, or maybe *The Nature Principle: Reconnecting with Life in a Virtual Age* by Richard Louv.

September 22nd – Plum Creek Literacy Festival at Concordia University in Seward: www.cune.edu/about/conferences-and-camps/plumcreek/.

September 24th to 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 30th to October 6th – Banned Books Week (www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek)

October 4th to 7th – Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Annual Book Sale. Go to <http://www.foundationforlcl.org/> for info.

October 5th – Deadline for NLC Youth Grants for Excellence 2012 – <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/youth>

October 10th – Sustainability Summit – Getting Green Done in Lincoln. Featuring author, Auden Schendler, author of *Getting Green Done: Hard Truths from the Front Lines of the Sustainability Revolution*. For more information go to: www.wastecapne.org.

October 14th to 20th – Teen Read Week – It Came From the Library – <http://teenreadweek.ning.com/>

October 17th to 19th – NLA/NEMA/MPLA at Embassy Suites Conference Center in LaVista. For more information go to: <http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012/>.

October 21 to 27th – National Friends of Libraries Week. More info here: http://www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/folweek/?zbrandid=4634&zidType=CH&zid=13177339&zsubscriberId=1026667723&zbdom=http://ala-publishing.informz.net

October 22nd to November 2nd – Basic Skills – Collection Management. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting September 17th. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCalendar.aspx>.

October 24th – SELS Board Meeting at 10 a.m. at Kilgore Memorial Library in York

November 5th to 16th – Basic Skills – Communication. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting October 1st. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCalendar.aspx>.

November 8th – CASTL Meeting at Beatrice Public Library. We'll view the WebJunction webinar with Max Klein – *Librarians are Wikipedians, Too* for an overview of past efforts and future potential of public libraries and librarians working with Wikipedia. Additionally, maybe you got a chance to celebrate Teen Read Week in October and discovered a great book or author. So for this month's book talk segment, read a teen title. If you need suggestions choose from the YALSA Teens' Top Ten – perhaps the titles nominated for 2012 or previous winners, which you can find at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>.

November 9th – NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Meeting is open to the public and runs from 9:30 to 12. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, (402)471-4007 or sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov.

November 16th – Summer Reading Workshop at Eiseley Branch Library in Lincoln from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Info on page [6](#).

November 16th – SELS Open House 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the recently remodeled SELS Office – 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln. See page [2](#) for details

November 23rd – SELS Friends Bookfair

November 29th – ELS/SELS Colloquium with Kathy Dempsey at Cornhusker Hotel, 5:30 to 9:30. See page [19](#).

December 3rd to 14th – Basic Skills – Finance. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting October 29th. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCalendar.aspx>.

December 6th – CASTL Meeting in Syracuse

December 14th – SELS Board Meeting at 10 a.m. at Union College

December 15th – SELS Friends Private Showing of *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*

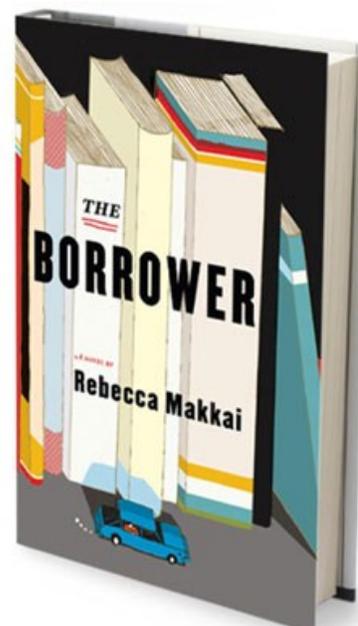
One Book, Many Librarians

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.



SELS Summer Reading 2013

November 16, 2012 from 10:00—4:00

Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior St, Lincoln

- 10:00-10:15** Welcome & Refreshments with time for die cut machines
- 10:15-11:00** Lincoln-Lancaster Genealogical Society Presentation
- 11:15-12:45** Highway Paleontology & Archaeology with Shane Tucker & Rob Bozell
- 12:45-1:30** Lunch onsite & time for die cut machines
- 1:30-2:20** Teens: The Untapped Customer Base with Susan Steider
- 2:30-3:30** Book reviews with Sally Snyder

Bring ideas, books, and projects! We'll have a display and time for sharing during lunch.

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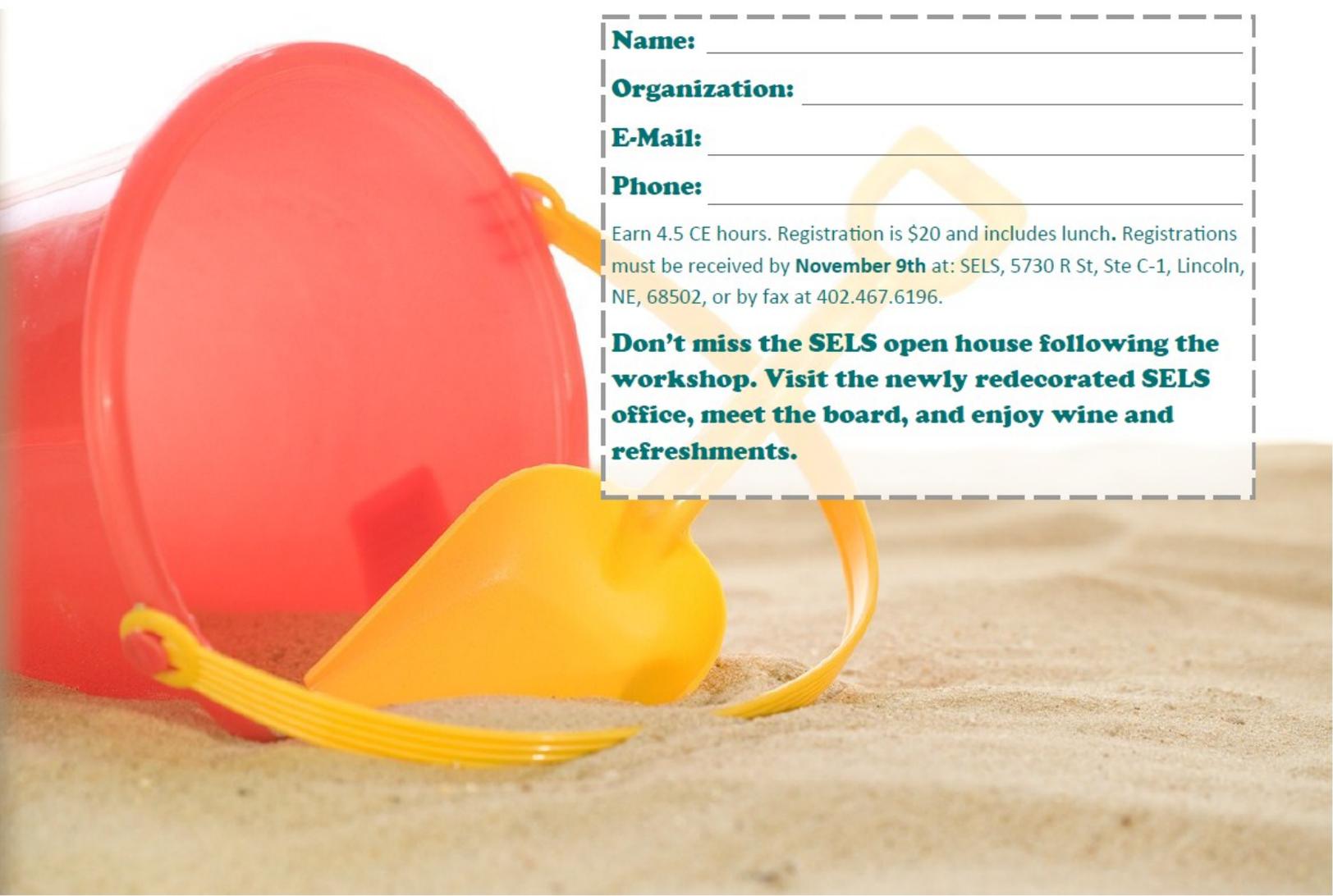
Organization: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Earn 4.5 CE hours. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Registrations must be received by **November 9th** at: SELS, 5730 R St, Ste C-1, Lincoln, NE, 68502, or by fax at 402.467.6196.

Don't miss the SELS open house following the workshop. Visit the newly redecorated SELS office, meet the board, and enjoy wine and refreshments.



By Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

The CASTL meeting was hosted by Jan Thomsen at the Alice M. Farr Public Library in Aurora.

On the agenda this month were library board meeting minutes. Board minutes should be kept permanently. They are considered legal documents by auditors, the IRS and courts, and they represent the actions of the board. Many assert that if it's not in the minutes, it didn't happen. Minutes should also be distributed to board members before each meeting for review.

Organizations are not required to, nor should they, record every detail or statement said at the meeting. That said anyone reading should be able to easily understand, at a minimum, what actions were taken and how they were approved. Mirror the outline established in the meeting agenda for the minute's template – that typically provides a well-organized and clear format. In the minutes include information such 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 20th – Shickley
- November 8th—Beatrice
- December 6th—Syracuse
- January—To Be Announced
- February—To Be Announced
- March 15th—Fairbury
- April 12th—Falls City
- May 31st (June meeting) – Seward (Golden Sower)

- Date & time of meeting
- Whether the meeting is a special or regular meeting
- Names of board members in attendance and board members not in attendance
- Whether a quorum was established
- Any departures and re-entries of attendees
- Any board actions (e.g., approvals, delegations of authority, directives) – and include commitments of board members
- Include alternatives considered for important decisions to show diligence
- Attach and briefly summarize key points from any reports given to the board
- Include the library name, who called the meeting to order, when the meeting ended, and who recorded the minutes

There are also suggestions of items to leave out and **NOT** include:

- Opinions or judgments – leave out statements like “a well done report” or “a heated discussion.”
- Criticism of members should not be included unless it takes the form of an official motion.
- Thanks or expressions of appreciation should only be included if there was a clear consensus of meeting participants.
- Discussion: If the organization has opted to include discussion summaries do not personalize it by recording the views of individuals.
- Extended rehashing of reports: Just hit the highlights of key facts, particularly if a written report is attached.

We used information from Emily Chan for this discussion and you can find all the details at: www.nonprofitlawblog.com/home/2011/02/board-meeting-minutes.html. Some information was also referenced from Blue Avocado – www.blueavocado.org/.

CASTL Wrap Up

Finalists for 2013 One Book One Nebraska Announced

From One Book One Nebraska

One nonfiction book and three novels—all stories with ties to Nebraska and the Great Plains—are the four finalists for the 2013 One Book One Nebraska statewide reading program. The finalists are:

- *O Pioneers!*, by Willa Cather
- *Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen*, by Bob Greene
- *While the Patient Slept*, by Mignon Eberhart
- *The Tie That Binds*, by Kent Haruf

The One Book One Nebraska reading program—sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, and Nebraska Library Commission—is now in its ninth year. It encourages Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss the same book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. A committee of the Nebraska Center for the Book selected the finalists from a list of twelve titles nominated by sixty Nebraskans.

The choice for the 2013 One Book One Nebraska will be announced at 5:30 p.m. at the Celebration of Nebraska Books on November 3 at the Nebraska State Historical Society's Museum of Nebraska History, 15th and P Streets in downtown Lincoln. The event, scheduled for 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., will feature a program by Joe Starita, author of the 2012 One Book One Nebraska selection, "*I Am a Man*" *Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice*. The Celebration will honor winners of the 2012 Nebraska Book Awards, including readings by some of the winning authors. A list of winners will be posted at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/awards.html>.

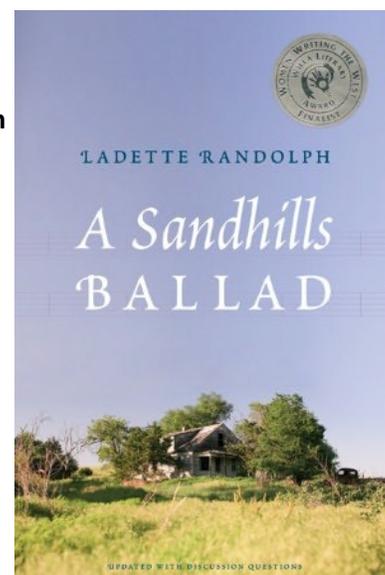
The 2012 Celebration of Nebraska Books is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, and Nebraska Library Commission, in partnership with the Nebraska State Historical Society's Museum of Nebraska History. For more information, contact [Mary Jo Ryan](mailto:MaryJo.Ryan@nebraska.gov), 402-471-3434 or 800-307-2665. Confirmed presenters and award winners will be announced at www.centerforthebook.nebraska.gov and <http://www.facebook.com/NebraskaCenterfortheBook>

Author! Author!

By Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

The 2012 MPLA/NLA/NEMA Tri- Conference in LaVista October 17th to 19th will be a great opportunity to interact with authors and illustrators. On October 17th the Read Aloud Nebraska preconference will feature **Jim Aylesworth** and **Lisa Campbell Ernst**, as well as Nebraska authors: **Julia Cook**, **Ted Kooser**, **Preston McDaniels** and **James Solheim** – some of the best in children's authors. Additionally, join other librarians the afternoon of October 18th for One Book Many Librarians with author **Rebecca Makkai** to discuss her book: *The Borrower*. Then round out your conference on Friday afternoon the 19th for a Nebraska adult author panel

with **Ladette Randolph** (*A Sandhills Ballad*); **Jonis Agee** (*The River Wife*); **Joe Starita** (*I Am A Man*); and **Don Hickey** (*The War of 1812*). All of the author events include signings.



(*Sowings*, cont. from page 1)

political power for young people in our country through music, popular culture, new technologies

and grassroots organizing. They are a resource for reporting on the youth vote – facts and figures, election activities, polling, campaign outreach and breaking news. It was founded 21 years ago and reminds us that the Millennial Generation will make up ¼ of the electorate in 2012. Some insight to the Millennial Generation can be found by clicking on partners, where at minimum you'll find organizations and businesses looking to link up with youth across the country.

This is just a start in locating nonpartisan information in this election season. You can find additional websites selected by librarians on elections and politics at NebraskaAccess: <http://nebraskaccess.ne.gov/elections.asp>. Libraries and librarians are excellent resources for gathering information on election issues and can be, to co-opt Project Vote Smart's mission of access to information, an essential component of democracy.



AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

Annual Meeting

At the recent annual meeting of the SELS Friends Board, it was decided to change the way the Friends support the Southeast Library System. Instead of asking for and debating the pros and cons of a wish list from the System office, the Friends will, instead, award a cash amount to the System each July 1. The amount of this gift will be up to 15% of the bank balance on March 1 of each year, if the bank balance is at least \$2,500. When the bank balance is at or below \$2,500, no gift will be given. The Board felt it was important to leave \$2,500 readily available in case of a dire emergency for which the SELS Board could not come up with either alternative solutions or SELS budget funds. In the case of any gifts made, the Friends have requested SELS to provide copies of receipts for expenses made with these funds, so that we can report to our membership the things that have happened in the Southeast Library System because of their support.

This approach matches the way the Friends now take concerning scholarships, which the Board adopted at their

meeting in May. In the case of scholarships, the balance of the Friends needs to be at least \$5,000 as of July 1 in order for money to be made available for this program, and then up to 5% of the balance would be earmarked for requests. Thus, scholarships will not be offered in the 2012-2013 year.

The recent 2012-2013 gift to the SELS made by the Friends totaled \$675 and was roughly based on some requests made by the office in May, though the full amount asked for was not given. This amount is approximately 15% of the average balance of the Friends account this spring. To compare to gifts made in other years:

- **2008-2009:** \$1,546.54—a bridge loan to SELS that was repaid
- **2009-2010:** \$2,896.21—van license, MPLA expenses for Brenda, scholarships, loan that became a gift
- **2010-2011:** \$193.95—scholarships
- **2011-2012:** \$3,375.00—wish list items, Front Porch Award, scholarships
- **2012-2013:** \$675.00 — wish list items that included routing program, FPA, OBML wine

At the annual meeting on August 15 the current slate of officers was retained.

Is Your Membership Current?

Membership renewals were due June 30, 2012. Fifteen members are now “overdue” (to use library lingo), and several more were deleted off of our list. If you want to check your status, please go to <http://selsfriends.org/members.html> to see if you are there! We definitely want you – please join or renew today!

Visit the Friends at Conference

Our table at the NLA/NSLA/ MPLA tri-conference promises to be very exciting with some new things to offer this year. Please make sure to stop by!

SELS Friends Bookfair and Private Movie Showing

A bookfair at the South Pointe Barnes & Noble store is scheduled for Friday, November 23. Also, we plan to offer a private showing of *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* on December 15 of this year. Watch for details on both events.

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 Around the System

“Sweet” Library Themes Entice Patrons to Chill Out at Tri County Schools

From Kim McCain, Library Teacher, Tri County Schools



What possibly could penguins and candy have in common? They are the main components in the elementary and high school libraries this year. Each spring during National Library Week, a new theme is voted on by the high school students. In the fall, the theme is revealed. This year the students selected “Reading and Research is SWEET INDEED”. The theme from the previous year is recreated in the elementary. “Reading and Research is COOL”, which highlights penguins, spruces up the elementary library. The revealing of the new decorations in each library creates excitement and makes the libraries a more appealing place to be.

Of course these themes could not become reality without the generous help of others. Tessie Smith is an avid penguin collector, so when a large penguin appeared in the library, Tessie checked it out and offered some of her beloved collection—six containers of penguins and she still has more. We were delighted with the stuffed penguins, but

also found light-up birds, beaded friends, and so much more. The penguins are now on display this year in the elementary library.

When the candy theme needed to become reality, Aaron Pieper came to mind as a district Hershey

representative. A quick phone call led to gigantic sized candy bars, Twizzlers, Reese’s blimps, and much more. Our next surprise was the amazing donation by Katie Musil and her family Kent, Sandy and Ryan. It is a bathtub sofa painted orange to look like a peanut M&M—How did they know? You have to come and sit in this new gem that is becoming a student favorite.

Over the years we have many super people supply materials for the themes. Fellow teachers and students have shared some fun items. It also has become a family affair with my mother finding treasures at garage sales and my sister in Tennessee mailing me a penguin for last year’s theme or a monkey for the rainforest theme a few years ago. Of course, I could not put it all together without more terrific help. Some years I recruit the Reading Classics Team and other years, I rely on my family. I would be remiss not to mention my husband, Troy, who has spent more hours than he would like on a ladder hanging items from the high walls and ceilings.

Once the items are transferred to the elementary, Jodi Hicks, the elementary library



para, does her magic to create a new, amazing reading space that excites the preschools and sparks interest up through the sixth grade.

If you need a quick, fun place to stop and make you smile, check out the Tri County libraries and thanks to everyone who makes the themes each year come alive!



News Around the System

Migrant Education Summer Reading Program Fosters Literacy and Builds Community

From Lisa Olivigni, Crete Public Library



For the past eleven summers, the Crete Public Library has partnered with Crete Public Schools Special Programs to provide a Migrant Education Summer Reading Program. This month long program combines weekly one-on-one reading with creative story time sessions. Eleven children participated this summer, and each child received a book to keep each week. At the end of the program, children and family members attended a magic show presented by Adam White. The Friends of the Crete Public Library provided funding to help make this

program possible.

We couldn't provide this program without the help of CPS staff and community volunteers. Thanks to local volunteers and staff from CPS and the library, each child is able to practice their reading skills with a reading buddy.

This annual program is a wonderful way to introduce the library to residents who may not yet fully take advantage of its resources. Over the years, it has become apparent that it isn't a program just for kids. Parents and family members

are also drawn into the story time activities. They, too, spend time reading while their child is reading with a volunteer.



And when I look around the library and see children reading and laughing with a new found friend, I know this is programming at its best - fostering literacy and building community at the same time.

"Best Friends" at Seward Memorial Library

From Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

On Friday, August 31 Seward Memorial Library hosted a reception for the newly installed "Best Friends" garden statue. On the sunny afternoon a circle of friends listened as the donor explained how important reading books and using the

library was to her family. The memorial will continue to remind visitors of the life-long joy of reading as they enter the library passing the happy

young readers relaxing on the bench. The library appreciates the addition to the library lawn.



News Around the System

Lincoln City Libraries Welcomes New Bookmobile

From Lincoln City Libraries

Mayor Chris Beutler announced on August 2 that Lincoln City Libraries' new Lied Bookmobile will be in operation soon. The new bookmobile was unveiled at an event at the Eiseley Branch Library recognizing the [Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries](#), the Lied Foundation Trust and other donors. The new bookmobile will run on compressed natural gas (CNG) and includes other environmentally friendly features.

"CNG is one of the cleanest fuels to burn," Mayor Beutler said. "It does cost more to manufacture a vehicle to use CNG, but they are generally much less expensive to operate. In the case of our new bookmobile, we have an agreement with Black Hills Energy that sets our fuel price at the equivalent of \$1.49 per gallon for the next year. CNG is cleaner and cheaper, and those are important factors in demonstrating the value of our initial up-front investment over the life of the vehicle."

The CNG bookmobile cost about \$312,000 to manufacture, about \$50,000 more than a diesel version. Library Director Pat Leach said it's estimated that the additional investment will pay for itself in fuel savings in about four years. In addition to \$50,000 from a federal energy grant, a \$100,000 gift from the Lied Foundation and other private donations helped to fund books, an endowment, and other "green" features such as interior and exterior LED lighting, carpet made from recycled materials and three skylights to



allow for natural light in the cabin.

The Lied Bookmobile replaces one that had been in operation for about 20 years. Other funding sources included \$150,000 in City Keno funds and \$20,000 from Lancaster County.

Leach said the bookmobile will be on the road five days each week, with scheduled stops at 30 locations, including child care and senior facilities in Lincoln and 11 communities in the County.

"The bookmobile provides individualized service to a diverse population," Leach said. "Our customers will be very well served by the new Lied Bookmobile, and I think they will be delighted with all the new features."

The Lied Foundation Trust, based in Las Vegas, Nevada, was established in 1972 by Omaha businessman Ernst F. Lied in honor of his parents and has supported projects throughout the State that have enhanced the quality of life for all Nebraskans. The "Lied Bookmobile" is dedicated to Lied and his parents, Ernst M. and Ida K. Lied.

This Year's One Book - One Lincoln is...

Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard! Readers in Lincoln cast their votes in June and July and by an overwhelming majority, this year's One Book - One Lincoln title was Millard's

engrossing look at the assassination of President James A. Garfield.

- ▶ You can visit this year's [official One Book - One Lincoln website](#) for resources related to this year's selected title. The special programs for this year are still being finalized,

and we'll announce those on the libraries' website, on Facebook, and via the One Book - One Lincoln e-mail list and Blog as soon as possible.

Thanks for your continued support for One Book - One Lincoln -- we look forward to another Fall of engaging discussions and informative programming related to the selected book!

-From One Book, One Lincoln



News Around the System

Once in a Blue Moon

From Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

The staff at Seward Memorial Library is thankful that patrons read more than “once in a blue moon!” To show our appreciation, faithful readers in blue attire were surprised with a blue foil-wrapped chocolate treat when they stopped at the circulation desk to check out materials . The official “Blue Moon” day on August 31 will be remembered for more than the brilliant sky at night. Patrons discovered reading that day was a sweet experience.



Czech Puppet day at Kilgore Memorial Library in York

From Scott Childers, Kilgore Memorial Library



September 8 brought two unique visitors to the city of York and Kilgore Memorial Library. Jarda and Jitka are two giant puppets from Minnesota that marched in the annual Yorkfest Grand Parade. After their tour of the town, they found

a resting spot in front of Kilgore Memorial Library for a fun filled afternoon.

This was part of an afternoon celebrating and sharing Czech culture and puppetry in an event copromoted with the Nebraska Czechs of York and funded in part by a grant from the Czech Embassy. The day included a lunch on the library’s lawn, a mini Czech language lesson, a session on the history of Czech puppetry, a puppet building workshop and a presentation of “A Czech Little Red Riding Hood” (otherwise known as Červená Karkulka) by the Junior Friends. There was laughter, accordions, and traditional outfits galore throughout the afternoon.

Over 150 people attended the lunch and other activities of the afternoon, packing our meeting room from when we said “dobry den” (Daw’ bree den), or Hello! to saying “Na shledanou” (Nah’ shle’ dah no), or till we meet again as they left.

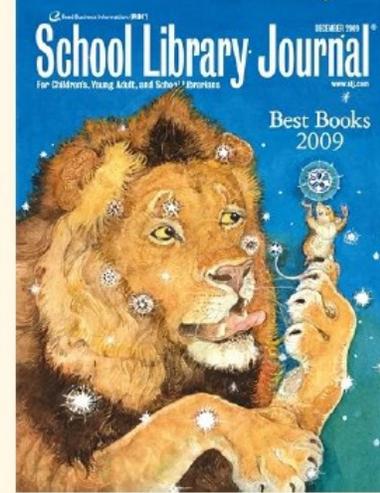
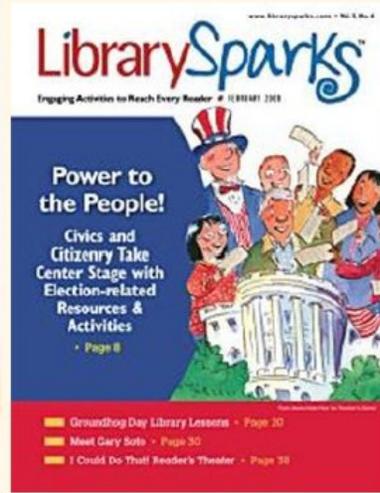
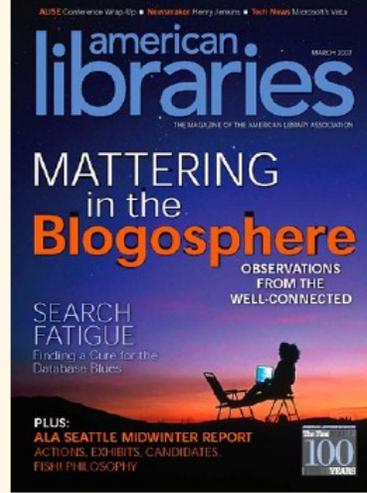
“Between the Covers” at Seward Memorial Library

From Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

Disbelief! Realization! Amazement! This was the response of an avid reader in the “Between the Covers” summer book club when she was handed her prize from the random drawing. Friends of Seward Library contributed \$100 in Seward Bucks as the grand prize. Around 60 adults signed up in May for our summer reading club. Besides

receiving chocolate rewards when their cards were punched, club members also filled their days reading or listening to materials from our library collection. When the club concluded many participants received a variety of prizes, including book totes, to remember their summer at our library. A few winning members also got to shop in Seward for free ... when they weren’t between the covers.

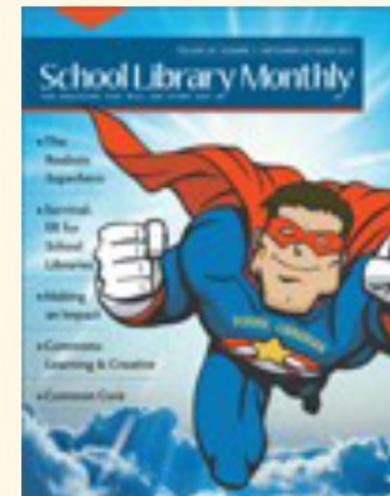




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Explore: Life on Mars? will acquaint you with NASA's investigations in the scientific field of astrobiology, where scientists are searching for indications that Mars may be able to – or has been able to – support life. Discover the current scientific understanding of Mars and what it takes for life to exist beyond our home planet. Plus, learn about NASA's latest mission to Mars, the Mars Science Laboratory (MSL), and the ChemCam instrument onboard the Curiosity rover!

Scientists and educators from the MSL mission and the Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) will share space science information, resources, hands-on activities, and demonstrations developed specifically for you to integrate into your programs with children and youth ages 8 to 13 and their families. Network with regional library colleagues and discuss ways to incorporate the activities into your programs.

Public library staff that provide, or plan to provide, programs for 8-13-year-olds are invited to apply. Space is limited to 35 participants who are chosen on a first-come-first-accepted basis. Librarians serving rural audiences are strongly encouraged to apply.

The training is free. A \$200 stipend is available for 30 participants and will be offered on a first-come-first-accepted basis. Note: The first 30 accepted applicants will receive a stipend request form via email, which must be submitted by the deadline provided in order to receive the stipend. Stipends will be paid out following the training and the participant's confirmed attendance. The LPI does not have restrictions on how the stipend is used once it is received by the training participant.

Space is limited! Apply by Friday, September 21, 2012 at
http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/lib_trainings/oct2012/apply/

The training will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. each day on October 15 and 16, 2012. Light breakfasts, lunches, and afternoon snacks will be provided. Hotel suggestions,

logistical information, and a tentative agenda will be supplied shortly after you register; participants are responsible for travel, housing, and dinner costs and arrangements.

During the training you will:

- ☀ Learn about Mars and the possibility of life beyond our home planet from NASA scientists
- ☀ Learn about the MSL mission, the Curiosity rover and the ChemCam instrument
- ☀ Have the opportunity to interact directly with these scientists
- ☀ Network with library colleagues in the Mountain Plains states
- ☀ Undertake hands-on activities designed specifically for children and youth ages 8 to 13 in the out-of-classroom learning environment
- ☀ Receive science education materials, e.g., activity plans, science presentations, and resources like NASA educational posters, website links, etc.
- ☀ Explore strategies and best practices for reaching underserved audiences
- ☀ Brainstorm how to best engage and excite children about science
- ☀ Become part of the *Explore* online community, which has over 600 members
- ☀ Be served breakfast and lunch and lots of chocolate!

Learn more about our nine additional *Explore* Earth and space science topics (*Mars: Inside and Out!*, *Jupiter's Family Secrets*, *Discover Earth*, *Explore! Ice Worlds!*, *Health in Space*, *To the Moon and Beyond!*, *Beyond Earth*, *Marvel Moon*, and *Comets*) at our website, <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/explore>. Each of these topics offers complementary hands-on activities, facilitator background information, and resources. Visit our active online community through the website's discussion boards. To learn more about the science of astrobiology, visit <http://astrobiology.nasa.gov/about-astrobiology>.

We look forward to investigating Mars and the possibility of life beyond Earth with you!

Best regards,

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News & Notes

2013-2014 Golden Sower Nominees Announced

Primary Nominees:

- *Prudence Wants a Pet* by Cathleen Daly
- *The Lost and Found Pony* by Tracy Dockray
- *Mitchell's License* by Hallie Durand
- *Arbor Day Square* by Kathryn O. Galbraith
- *Have you Seen Mary* by Jeff Kurrus
- *Even Monsters Need Haircuts* by Matthew McElligott
- *When a Dragon Moves In* Jodi Moore
- *Blackout* by John Rocco
- *Interrupting Chicken* by David Ezra Stein
- *When I Grow Up* by Al Yankovic

Intermediate Nominees:

- *Freaky Fast Frankie Joe* by Lutricia Clifton
- *Wild Life* by Cynthia DeFelice
- *The Clockwork Three* by Matthew J. Kirby
- *The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass
- *The Unwanteds* by Lisa McMann
- *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
- *May B.* by Caroline Starr Rose
- *Smells Like Dog* by Suzanne Selfors
- *Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick
- *Pie* by Sarah Weeks

Young Adult Nominees:

- *Jefferson's Sons* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- *Matched* by Ally Condie
- *Payback Time* by Carl Deuker
- *Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25* by Richard Paul Evans
- *Dark Life* by Kat Falls
- *Red Cell* by John Kalkowski
- *Legend* by Marie Lu
- *Epitaph Road* by David Patneau
- *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
- *After Ever After* by Jordan Sonnenblick

For more information and summaries, check out the Golden Sower Award page at <http://www.goldensower.org/nugget/lists/bibs.htm>.

A Picture Book a Day

Candlewick Press is sharing 365 daily videos about picture books. Each video features a contributor that shares what picture books mean to them, recommends favorite stories, and more. They invite you to visit www.readingstartshere.com for more information, and to celebrate picture books with Candlewick every day of the year!

Funding Available through Trees for Nebraska Towns

Communities and organizations wanting to plant shade trees can apply for Trees for Nebraska Towns (TNT) grant funds from now until October 1, 2012. The program, which focuses on plant diversity and sustainable landscapes, provides grant funding and technical assistance to public-oriented projects that emphasize the planting of large-maturing trees in Nebraska communities.

Approximately \$200,000 of TNT grant funds are available this year. TNT funding is provided by the Nebraska Environmental Trust and is coordinated by the Nebraska Forest Service as part of ReTree Nebraska's 10-year effort to plant one million trees by 2017.

The application, **due October 1, 2012**, requires some advance planning and consideration so applicants are encouraged to begin the process early.

The application is available online at retreenebraska@unl.edu. For more information, contact Kendall Weyers at (402) 472-6693 or kweyer2@unl.edu.

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 and will be awarded on or before December 15, 2012.

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.

Recognize a Special Volunteer

Recognize a special person in your community by nominating them for a Governor's Point of Light Award, a statewide collaborative program of ServeNebraska and the Office of the Governor. Every quarter Governor Heineman honors accomplishments of Nebraskans who have given exemplary volunteer service to their communities.

The nomination process is easier than ever. Go to the ServeNebraska website to download, complete and submit your Governor's Points of Light Award nomination, http://www.serve.nebraska.gov/awards/awards_governor.htm for someone who has made a big difference to your community! **The application deadline is September 15, 2012.**

If you have questions, please contact Kimberle Hall at kim.hall@nebraska.gov; or 402-471-6228 or 800-291-8911.

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Kathy Dempsey is a consultant and trainer through her business, Libraries Are Essential, and is the author of *The Accidental Library Marketer* (Information Today, Inc., 2009). Her work is dedicated to helping librarians and information professionals promote their value and expertise in order to gain respect and funding. Kathy has been the Editor of the *Marketing Library Services* newsletter for 18 years and was formerly Editor-in-Chief of *Computers in Libraries* magazine. She also blogs at The 'M' Word.

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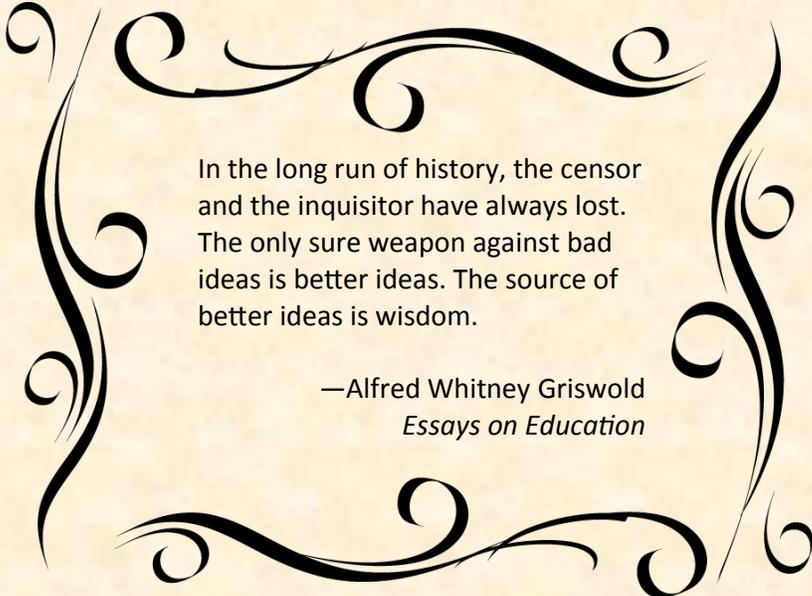
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In the long run of history, the censor and the inquisitor have always lost. The only sure weapon against bad ideas is better ideas. The source of better ideas is wisdom.

—Alfred Whitney Griswold
Essays on Education

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: www.selsne.org.) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.