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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

November/December 2009

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Changes

Southeast Library System (SELS) will be making some service changes due to rising costs, and limited increases in funding. The SELS board and staff met October 9th to amend the budget for the 2009/2010 year approving the following changes:

1. *SoLiS*, the SELS newsletter will be published electronically starting with the November/December issue. Access to an online copy has been an option for a couple of years, and by publishing in this format we'll be able to cut expenses of printing and mailing. You'll have the following options to continue to receive *SoLiS*:
 - Access the newsletter online at the SELS website (www.selsne.org). An e-mail notice will be sent out to let individuals know when a newsletter is available – including the opportunity to receive a copy as a PDF.
 - Library directors will be encouraged to print a copy to share and route to trustees and friends.
 - SELS will mail a copier black & white copy to libraries that are unable to access online or to make their own copy.
 - Subscriptions to receive *SoLiS* in a published format, just as you always have, are available for \$20 a year, for 6 issues. You will need to let us know if you wish to subscribe rather than utilizing an option for electronic access and black and white copies.
2. SELS is discontinuing professional journal subscriptions and routing for the following:
 - *Library Journal* – Full text can be found online at www.libraryjournal.com or through Wilson available on NebraskAccess at: <http://nebraskaccess.ne.gov>.
 - *School Library Journal* – Full text can be found online at: www.schoollibraryjournal.com or through Wilson available on NebraskAccess

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- *VOYA* – Full text copies of Voya can be found online at: www.voya.com.
- *Book Links* – Selected articles area available online to non-subscribers: www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/publishing/booklinks/index.cfm.
- *Booklist* – Full text can be found online at: <http://booklistonline.com/default.aspx>.
- *LMC Library Media Connection*- Limited links can be found online at: www.linworth.com/lmc/
- *Library Sparks* – Limited links can be found online at: www.highsmith.com/librarispsarks/.

The SELS Board and Staff are hopeful present cuts will not preclude us from reinstating these services in the future, when the budget picture improves. In the meantime, if you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Twelve vision statements came out of the Future Search Conference held in July 2009. To keep the vision alive and developing, the Regional Library Systems are highlighting the visions in their newsletters with the purpose of encouraging continued discussion among librarians, library staff, boards and their communities.

Vision statement:

Front Porch: *My library provides an inviting and welcoming front porch where the community comes to learn, play and investigate. People come first in this nurturing and enriching gathering place for all.*

The public perceives the library as a neutral place and it is a natural meeting place for divergent cultures, ideas and groups to meet. Libraries should be sensitive to the changing nature of our communities due to immigration and cultural values shifts.



In an article on gaming in libraries from the August/September 2009 *American Libraries*, Jenny Levine suggests some possible goals:

- Offer recreation around content (book discussion groups; craft classes)
- Offer social communal space (adult programming; rooms for knitters)
- Offer literacy programs (storytime)
- Offer interactions between different demographics (family events, multigenerational programming)

Suggested activities for the library as Front Porch:

- Grandparents reading to kids
- Singing
- Serve seasonal beverages
- Read around the posies
- Rock-a-thon
- Kool-Aid stand
- Spooning
- Birdhouses
- Ice cream socials
- Bluegrass
- Shoebox social
- Gaming bees – “Wii-Bee”
- Film festival – outdoors; make community films
- Chautauqua
- Greeters
- Local art displays
- Historical reenactment
- Make your own video
- Open microphone events
- “Fine front porch” – less formal entry
- Have experts make visits to make suggestions on making physical space more hospitable
- Outreach to determine what is done (especially diverse populations)
- Curbside service on roller skates
- Drinks and books
- Facebook, Myspace, and whatever is next
- Posters where our neighbors are
- Wii tournaments

Things to think about and discuss:

- What are the **emerging groups** in your community? Don't just think of ethnicity but of other groups such as latchkey children, the unemployed and young mothers.
- What **programming** are you offering throughout the year to these various communities?
- Do you offer materials and services for the **informational, recreational and social needs of your community**?
- What ideas from those listed above could you use to create a **front porch atmosphere** at your library?
- When you think of front porch, don't forget how your library looks. Do a "walkabout" and assess **how friendly and welcoming your facility** is. What can you do to make it more welcoming?
- Discuss the following from the South Carolina State Library blog:
The fact is, people all around us are connecting in so many new ways. Mostly younger people, at least for now. **The USA Today survey that told us that college students would rather give up beer than Facebook** gave us the news: These kids are not out on the porch, and they are not in the public library...not even in the college library. They are chatting it up, making friends, and passing information around online. Of course, they could be online in the public library. The public library as front porch for the community...something to think about.
<http://librarytrax.statelibrary.sc.gov/2006/09/21/a-front-porch-thing/>
- Rethink having staff behind desks. **Wander around the library** offering assistance and guidance. If no one is in need of help, it's a great time to make some impromptu displays.

Sharon Osenga, Meridian Library System Administrator

Please feel free to share your comments and feedback from these discussions and exercises. Nebraska Regional Library Systems will be posting bi-monthly discussions on system email lists, newsletters, and websites. There is a Nebraska Libraries Future Search wiki hosted by NLC where we can post discussion information and feedback: www.nlc.state.ne.us/wikis/fs/Whats%20Next.ashx

There's an online form to report your participation at NLA/NEMA 2009 for continuing education credit from Nebraska Library Commission (NLC). Go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/nlaform/ceform09.html.

As a reminder, there is now a requirement that continuing education is turned in within 90 days of the event.

If you have questions contact Laura Johnson, Continuing Education Coordinator at NLC at: laura.johnson@nebraska.gov.

Southeast Library System



November

November 12th – **May I Please Blow Up This Reference Desk?** Workshop with Tracie D. Hall at Walt Branch Library in Lincoln from 1 to 4:30. See page 9 for registration.

November 12th – **Colloquium with Tracie D. Hall** – 10 Social Trends that Change the Way Contemporary Libraries Can and Should Do Business. See page 10.

November 13th – **NLC Commissioners Meeting** at Nebraska Library Commission, 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to the public. For more information and to attend, contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at: mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.

November 13th – **Millennials in the Library - College of DuPage teleconference**, 11 to 12:30. Programs can be accessed via Webcast or satellite downlink. For more information go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/colldupage.html.

November 14th – **Nebraska Book Festival – Nebraska Writers: Cultivating Creativity**, at the Nebraska State Historical Society's Museum of Nebraska History, 15th & P Streets, Lincoln. For more information go to: www.nebraskabookfestival.org.

November 14th – 22nd – **AFCON (Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska) Program and Annual Meeting with Dr. William Ayers** – “The Right to Think at All: Academic Freedom and Free Speech in Troubled Times” at the Holiday Inn, 72nd and Grover, Omaha.



November 19th – **CASTL meeting** at Lincoln Public Schools District Office, 5901 O St., Lincoln. We'll get a chance to see the MOSAIC display which is an annual review of titles from a variety of cultures and ethnic backgrounds. The books are reviewed and selected by Lincoln Public Schools professional staff and media specialists and are a great list with breakdowns by specific cultures and grade levels from pre-school to young adult. We'll also have the round robin for sharing ideas and questions – plus, read a book from a different country, foreign author, or another culture and book talk that as part of the day's sharing.

December



December 10th – **CASTL meeting** at Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City. Round robin discussion, plus read a book with a holiday theme to share with the group. See page 5 for more information.

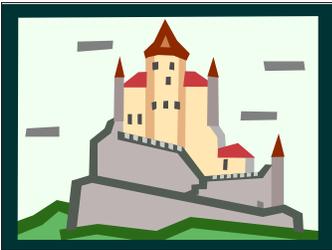


December 11th – **SELS Board** meeting at Harding Shultz Law Firm in Lincoln (121 S. 13th St., 8th Floor). We'll be inviting Nebraska senators from southeast Nebraska to join us for conversation and lunch – and we'd welcome librarians, trustees and other library supporters to attend, too. Meeting will start at 10 a.m. Following lunch we'll have the SELS Board meeting.

January

January 12th – NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Libraries) meeting at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York.

January 29th – Making the Best of a Shrinking Budget – College of DuPage teleconference, 11 to 12:30. Programs can be accessed via Webcast or satellite downlink. For more information go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collidupage.html



The CASTL group will meet December 10th at Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City. The meeting starts at 10 and we'll aim to wrap things up by 3:00. During the morning we'll talk about library planning in coordination with a new project of Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems titled: Taking Charge of Your Library's Future. There is a kick-off to this program at the NLA/NEMA Conference and there will be additional programs throughout the next year and following intended to address the aspects of planning. There is a web page on the NLC page with initial information at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/planning/planningindex.html. As we work through the program information, additional resources and activities will be added. During the afternoon, we'll have the round robin for you all to share ideas, questions and activities including this month's book talk on a title of your choosing. We don't set any parameters for the book you choose to read, other than suggest that December's story involve a holiday. Hope to see you there.

CALL FOR STUDENT ENTRIES!

Letters About Literature, a national reading and writing promotion program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target, invites young readers in grades 4 – 12 to enter this year's **Letters About Literature** letter writing competition. **Young readers simply write a personal letter to an author explaining on that author's work somehow changed the readers' view of their world.**

Letters About Literature awards both state and national prizes on three competition levels: Level 1 for grades 4 – 6; Level 2 for grades 7 – 8; and Level 3 for grades 9 – 12. Six national winners will each receive cash awards and will nominate a school or community library to receive a \$10,000 LAL Reading Promotion grant. Twelve national honor winners will likewise receive cash awards and also nominate a school or community library to receive a \$1,000 LAL Reading Promotion grant. Nebraska winners are honored in a Proclamation-signing ceremony and receive cash awards and gift certificates.

Teachers, librarians, and parents can download free teaching materials on reader response and reflective writing at www.lettersaboutliterature.org. **Submission deadline is postmark December 12, 2009.** State winners will be notified in March 2010 and national winners by mid-April. Nebraska-specific information (including letters from Nebraska winners of past contests) is available at <http://www.nebraska.gov/publications/lal/aboutcontest.html>. **Letters About Literature** is sponsored in Nebraska by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Library Commission, with support from Houchen Bindery Ltd. and Lee Booksellers.



ASHEVILLE BOOKWORKS FESTIVAL

On Wed. Sept. 2 **Link Library at Concordia University** held a reception to announce our new music research space, the Music Loft. Dozens of students, faculty members, and guests enjoyed sweet treats and swinging jazz, performed by music professors Wendy Schultz and Pete Prochnow and library director Phil Hendrickson. The new space now collects the library's scores, CDs, records (yes, we have lots of vinyl), and music-subject books (Dewey 780s)



right next to our listening room. It's a true research center for music students and enthusiasts. Live music is not a regular occurrence in Link Library, but it was well received. Several attendees asked when the next performance would be!

More photos are posted on Link Library's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=32689214158>



Rebecca Bernthal (UNL-Libraries) sent this link: www.ashevillebookworks.com/EdibleBooks.html, about the Asheville Edible Book Festival in West Asheville, North Carolina. Looks like a fun event.



Ellen Klages, author of *The Green Glass Sea – the One Book for Nebraska Kids 2009*, toured Nebraska October 12th – 17th. The book tells the story of two girls, Dewey and Suze, in Los Alamos, NM while their parents worked on the atomic bomb in 1943. It's a fascinating novel, that teaches a bit of history while entertaining youth (or adults) with a great story. The title comes from a description following a test explosion of the bomb by a pilot that observed it as green glass - "The heat of the bomb was intense it melted the desert sand into glass." Interestingly, there are no colored photos of the surface following the explosion, only black and white, so we have to add the color through our imagination – made easier thanks to Klages' writing. During her presentations, Klages mentioned that she estimates spending 3 hours of

research on each page of the book. She's now written a sequel – *White Sands, Red Menace* that continues the story of Dewey and Suze following the war. In southeast Nebraska, Ellen visited Elmwood, Louisville, Plattsmouth and Seward – to the delight of all that had the opportunity to hear her talk about her writing and books. Klages blogs about her Nebraska travels at: <http://klages.livejournal.com> – check it out. You'll enjoy reading her comments and seeing her pictures.



BrainPop.com – Where Learning Gets Animated

In response to the steady stream of swine flu questions we're receiving from children across the country, we've launched a new, free topic about the virus and its impact. Educators and parents are encouraged to use this content as age-appropriate tools for gently explaining the swine flu, its origins, its spread, and appropriate precautions. Our swine flu movie is supported by a swine flu quiz and an FYI on hand washing. BrainPOP Jr. offers a related topic on washing hands, while the BrainPOP Educators blog features tips for discussing the swine flu in class.



The goal of our swine flu topic is to reduce anxiety by empowering children with a better understanding of the situation. To help accomplish that, we invite you to add the swine flu movie to your own blog or web site. If you'd like to do that, simply use the code you'll find here.

You're also welcome to send an email with any related questions.
<http://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/swineflu/>

Also check out this link: <http://unmc.libguides.com/h1n1swineflu> from University of Nebraska Medical Center, McGogon Library of Medicine.

News and Notes



Hasbro exclusive sponsor for 2009 National Gaming Day @ your library

The largest producer of board games in the world, Hasbro, will be the exclusive sponsor for the American Library Association's (ALA) 2009 National Gaming Day @ your library to be held on **Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009**.

Through a generous donation from Hasbro, more than 16,700 public libraries in the U.S. will receive a box set of its highly popular card games Monopoly Deal, Scrabble Slam, and Pictureka!

"Hasbro is honored to sponsor 2009 National Gaming Day, an event that brings people together to play games and create memories," said Matt Collins, vice president of marketing for Hasbro Games. "By donating our card games to each of America's libraries, we hope to give more people the opportunity to be a part of the nationwide game play occasion."

On National Gaming Day @ your library, hundreds of libraries across the country will join ALA and Hasbro for the annual nationwide celebration of the popularity, as well as the recreational and educational value of board, card and video games. More than 14,000 people of all ages came together to participate in gaming events at their library in 2008. Libraries are encouraged to register their participation at <http://tinyurl.com/ngd2009>.

"ALA is pleased that Hasbro has once again sponsored our National Gaming Day @ your library," said ALA President Dr. Camila Alire. "New research shows that gaming and learning go hand-in-hand. Hasbro's wonderful donation helps libraries offer recreational gaming activities that also build 21st century literacy skills. National Gaming Day @ your library is one more way that libraries help build a more literate America."

To learn more about 2009 National Gaming Day @ your library, visit: <http://ngd.ala.org>.

2008-2009 The Paraprofessional of the Year Award winner

Jennifer Wrampe is a great asset to the Nebraska Library Commission. Beth Goble, her supervisor, states that Jennifer does exemplary work, willing do other jobs as assigned, and provides fine customer service for our agency.

Jennifer is a team player and will help with any project whether it is with her department or another department. Jennifer's full-time position is with the Government Document department but she gracefully took on the job of assisting the Administrative staff by working three-hours a day answering phones, working on mass mailings, filing, placing information on the Commission web pages, and any other task asked of her. We don't know what we would do without her.

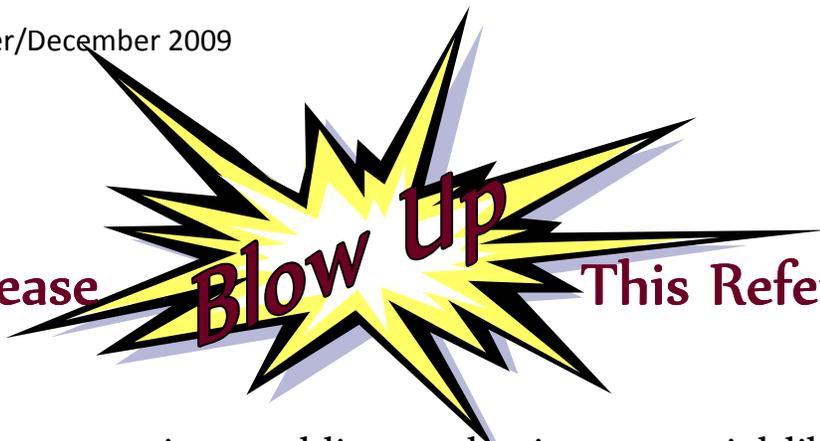
She has been the Publicity & Citations Chair for the Paraprofessional Section for a few years now, this makes her a member of the Para Board and that pretty much puts her on every committee that the Board forms by default. The Board works as a team in brainstorming, troubleshooting, and mostly getting things done in a efficient and timely manner. Jennifer has done that exceptionally well; pretty much what all paras do in their libraries, Jennifer does it for the Para Section.

I believe that Jennifer Wrampe is a wonderful example of how dedicated and hardworking our paraprofessionals are in their respective libraries. I also believe that Jennifer will represent the title of Paraprofessional of the Year with dignity and grace.

Jennifer will receive a one-year paid membership to NLA in the Paraprofessional section and a cash gift. A certificate will be awarded at the NLA/NEMA Fall Conference Paraprofessional section luncheon.

Congrats Jennifer!

May I Please **Blow Up** This Reference Desk?



Whether you are in a public, academic, or special library, and even if you don't have a reference desk - join us for this interactive workshop! Tracie D. Hall leads participants through a series of exercises in which we will explore ways to innovate, leverage, rethink, redesign and reposition resources, services, and key access points at your library-large or small, one person or multi-staffed.

Emphasis will be placed on relevant social trends and best practices in reaching youth, new immigrants, low-income populations, working adults, seniors, remote users, and otherwise hard-to-reach library customers.

November 12, 2009

1 – 4:30 p.m.

**Lincoln City Libraries, Walt Branch
6701 S. 14th St., Lincoln**

Founder and principal of GoodSeed Consulting Group, Tracie D. Hall is currently a consulting analyst for The Boeing Company's Global Corporate Citizenship division. Hall previously served as Assistant Dean of Dominican University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science, as Director of the American Library Association's Office for Diversity, and in various capacities at Seattle, New Haven Free, and Hartford Public Libraries. A frequent speaker, trainer and facilitator Hall's writings on diversity and leadership have appeared in several professional publications. Hall's current work centers on inspiring and coaching organizations and individuals around excellence, cultural competency, inclusion, and innovation. She earned a Masters degree from Yale University and the MLIS from the University of Washington.



Name _____ Library _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Send completed registration form & payment of **\$12** to: **Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505. Deadline: Monday November 9, 2009.**



Fall Colloquium '09

Tracie D. Hall

The Ten Social Trends that Change the Way Libraries Can & Should Do Business

November 12, 2009

5:30-9:30 p.m.

Join us as Tracie D. Hall, founder of GoodSeed Consulting Group, offers a lively analysis of the nation's deep societal shifts and the challenges facing libraries to re-imagine library services as we know them. In this compelling and interactive discussion of important social trends, participants will gain insights into better matching traditional library services with contemporary user needs.

Founder and principal of GoodSeed Consulting Group, **Tracie D. Hall** is currently a consulting analyst for The Boeing Company's Global Corporate Citizenship division. Hall previously served as Assistant Dean of Dominican University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science, as Director of the American Library Association's Office for Diversity, and in various capacities at Seattle, New Haven Free, and Hartford Public Libraries. A frequent speaker, trainer and facilitator Hall's writings on diversity and leadership have appeared in several professional publications. Hall's current work centers on inspiring and coaching organizations and individuals around excellence, cultural competency, inclusion, and innovation. She earned a Masters degree from Yale University and the MLIS from the University of Washington.

Thursday, November 12, 2009 5:30-9:30 p.m.
at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel 333 S. 13th Street, Lincoln, NE
Yankee Hill I & II

Schedule of Events

5:30 – 6:30	Social hour, cash bar
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner
7:30 – 8:30	Presentation by Tracie D. Hall
8:30 – 9:30	Discussion

Dinner: Chicken Marsala or Champagne Pasta. All entrees include garden salad, chef's potatoes, fresh vegetables, rolls & butter and coffee, tea, or milk.

The Fall Colloquium is sponsored jointly by:
Eastern Library System & Southeast Library System.

Name _____ Library _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please choose one: ___Chicken Marsala ___Pasta

Send completed registration form & payment of **\$40.00** to: **Southeast Library System,**
5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505. Deadline: **Monday November 9, 2009.**

SAVE
THE DATE

Southeast Library System Friends

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

Friday, November 27

Barnes & Noble

SouthPointe Pavilions Lincoln, NE

Special Events:

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- Local authors signing books from noon until 2:00 p.m.

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Amelia ML Montes
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Books Honored by Nebraska Center for the Book

The Nebraska Book Awards program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book (NCB) and supported by the Nebraska Library Commission, recognizes and honors books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or concerning Nebraska.

The winners of the 2009 Nebraska Book Awards (books published in 2008) will be presented at the Nebraska Center for the Book's Annual Meeting and Nebraska Book Festival in Lincoln on November 14, 2009.

2009 award winners to be honored at the Nebraska Book Festival are:

Cover/Design/Illustration

BVH Architects: Forty Years, by Suzanne Smith Arney

Publisher: Omaha Books

Designer: Elizabeth Murphy

Cover Photo: Fashid Assassi

Cover/Design/Illustration Honor

The Death of Raymond Yellow Thunder, by Stew Magnuson

Publisher: Texas Tech University Press

Designer: Lindsay Starr

Cover Photo: John Vachon

Fiction

Exiles, by Ron Hansen

Publisher: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux

Nonfiction

The Death of Raymond Yellow Thunder, by Stew Magnuson

Publisher: Texas Tech University Press

Nonfiction Honor

Nebraska's Cowboy Trail, by Keith Terry

Publisher: University of Nebraska Press

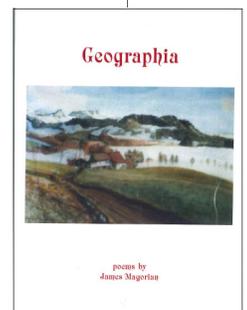
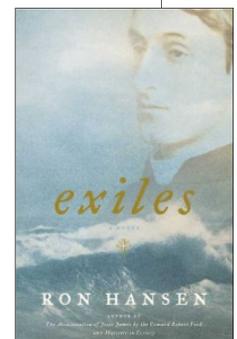
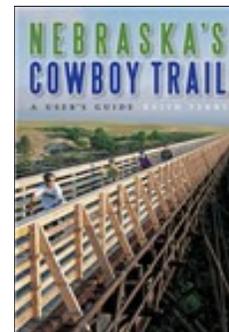
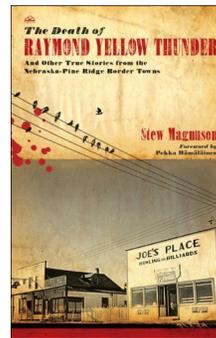
Poetry

Geographia, by James Magorian

Publisher: Black Oak Press

Books published in 2009 will be eligible for the 2010 Awards program. To receive notification of the 2009 Book Awards program, contact Maria Medrano-Nehls, 402-471-2045 or 800-307-2665; e-mail: maria.medrano-nehls@nebraska.gov.

The Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at the Nebraska Library Commission and brings together the state's readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators, and scholars to build the community of the book, supporting programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the written word. The Nebraska Center for the Book is supported by the Nebraska Library Commission.



2008-2009 Public Library Survey to be Released November 16th

The Nebraska **Public Library Statistical Survey** for fiscal year 2008-2009 will be released on Monday, November 16th, 2009, and **will be due no later than February 1, 2010**. **As before, libraries must submit the survey through *Bibliostat™ Collect* in order to be eligible for state aid.** The new version (2.0) of this program received high marks from last year's survey participants, with a majority of users favoring the new interface. Library directors can use the same user ID and password assigned previously in order to access the survey. Individual notices about the survey with passwords will also be sent to library directors.

When we asked in an online survey what we could do at the Library Commission to help users complete the statistical report, the most frequent answer was, "Send me a paper copy of the survey." We will do that for anyone who requests it, but we have also provided a blank copy of the upcoming 2008-2009 survey for download in either Microsoft Word or Adobe Reader formats from <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/statistics/BibliostatCollect.html>. Also available on this web page are instructions for the FY2009 survey and data element definitions.

For more information about the annual survey, please contact John Felton at Nebraska Library Commission: john.felton@nebraska.gov.

2010 Library Improvement Grant

Nebraska Library Commission has posted the application for the 2010 Library Improvement Grant on their website: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/lsta/lsta.html. Grant funds are provided under the Library Services and Technology Act program from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Accredited Nebraska public libraries, certain state-run institutional libraries, and Nebraska Regional Library Systems are eligible to apply, as are other organizations in partnership with these entities.

In order to be funded, proposed projects must meet one or more of six "LSTA Purposes" as identified in the application materials. Applications need to be postmarked no later than **January 6, 2010** or hand-delivered to the Commission by 5 PM (CT) on that date. Electronic applications must be sent no later than 11:59 PM on that same date.

For questions email Richard Miller, richard.miller@nebraska.gov or contact him by phone at 800-307-2665.

I will be leaving the Southeast Library System after October 30. I will be starting at the University of Nebraska Athletic Department, following another love of mine, sports, in a full time position. It was a hard decision to make and I have been thrilled to work with and for you all over the past 7 years. I won't be disappearing from supporting the System and again thank you all for your support and your friendships.

Jenni Puchalla

Southeast Library System Board Meeting
August 26, 2009
Stauffers Café, Lincoln, NE

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College); Scott Childers (University of Nebraska Lincoln Libraries); Barbara Cornelius (Nebraska Wesleyan University, Cochran-Woods Library); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Adam Prochaska (Harding & Shultz Law Firm, Lincoln); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library); Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools, Adams); Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office)

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant)

Board Members Absent: Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln)

Meeting called to order by President Barbara Hegr

I. What's New Around the System

(The board continued with doing some round robin via Google Docs)

Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College): York College's fall semester started last week. They have approximately a 10% increase in students over last year. The Curriculum Lab has been moved upstairs in the library giving more open space on the main floor. The first floor of the library has been made handicap accessible, but there are still problems to be worked out as the handicap door is an alarmed door. A lot of improvements were made on campus this summer including remodeling the cafeteria and constructing a courtyard between the Mackey Center and the library with tables and chairs where the students can eat outside.

Scott Childers (University of Nebraska – Lincoln Libraries): UNL set some tables out for giving directions and getting students on wireless. They advertised with the social network being offered to students. There is a Facebook fan page for updates at UNL. Twitter feed is up and running. They are looking for cuts in the budget and deciding what needs to change. Scott reminded us that early bird registration for NLA ends at the end of the month. There have been a lot of changes in the Conference schedule. There were questions and discussion about the voting online for NLA.

Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt): Tri-County has started school. The high school media center decorated to a new theme "Rock n Read" and the elementary media center in a jungle theme. The library is still in the process of "Ditching Dewey" and was able to process lots of books over the summer.

Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools, Adams): Freeman Public Schools started school August 13th, with 360 students and new students still coming. She does not have a para in the media center, but 2 student aides and a night-time librarian/aide. They have a new superintendent who really cares about the school, the people in it, and the town. The library is far from quiet, with music typically playing and many students using the library.

Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office): School began August 19th with over 34,500 students at Lincoln Public Schools. LPS media centers checked out over 1,023,831 items last school year, and hope to top that number this year. We have seven new library media specialists. In the past 5 years we have a total of 25 new library media specialist. LPS opened a new elementary school – Koozer and a new middle school – Schoo. Lincoln High is currently under renovation. LPS will be hosting 3 authors this fall: John Archambault, Helen Lester and Tom Birdseye. The annual MOSAIC exhibit of multicultural books will open on October 7th through November 20th. LPS will collaborate with Runza restaurants for the Great Books for Great Kids program so be sure an eat at Runza on September 22nd. Author Greg Mortenson will be speaking to all the LPS staff on September 22nd. The Family Literacy Program will be offered again to the children at El Centro during the month of September. Several media specialists will be attending the School Library Journal Summit in Washington, DC the first of October. They will have a multicultural display this fall between October 7 and November 20. Sent by email from Glenda on September 8th: The monies that Title I schools are receiving for library resources are exactly that - Title I money and not stimulus money. The poverty rate is over 40% in Lincoln.

Adam Prochaska (Harding & Shultz Law Firm, Lincoln): This summer I have spent some time developing a green initiative at my law firm where we are making the first steps toward becoming a 0% waste office. Some of the things being discussed include a firm-wide recycling program, use of office supplies which contain post-consumer recycled content, use of non-toxic, natural cleaning supplies, prohibiting the use of Styrofoam cups, and starting an e-billing program in connection with the Arbor Day Foundation. I have also been diligently reviewing policies and procedures provided by numerous Nebraska libraries. These policies and procedures will be the focus of my preconference presentation on Wednesday October 28th at NLA/NEMA. Adam is a board member on Waste Cap for recycling in Nebraska. There is a pilot program with Waste Cap wanting to partner with a library for recycling fluorescent bulbs. The law firm subscribes to Lexis and use almost exclusively for legal research, as well as other electronic services for current information on areas in which we practice. So, have been able to stop buying almost all books and written references. Copies of Nebraska statutes are purchased in print and available online.

Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library): Tom has a one person library. The library did some remodeling and took all the book cases out, so he has spent the summer putting everything back in and weeding the books. The computers now have broadband, and in September he will have new computers with Windows 7. They previously had dial up with Windstream. Residents can't be on the state computer system, so they are working a deal with Windstream to get broadband and checking with Time Warner to see if they can do better. Tom is Vice Chair of the special institutional section of NLA and is working on a session for NLA/NEMA conference on medical librarians.

Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library): Fall programs start the first week in September. June set a new all-time circulation record for us, that was beaten only by July's numbers! It was a very busy summer. We return to regular hours on September 1, and we have hired a new 15 hour/week clerk. Upcoming programs include computer classes (www.sewardlibrary.org/programs/computer.html), coordinating programs for our All Seward Reads Together title on September 16 and October 27 (www.sewardlibrary.org/programs/asrt.html), and Stephanie Grace Whitson will visit Seward on October 10. Speed Reviews are scheduled for Sept 13, Oct 4, and Nov 1, each day at 2:00 with a variety of guest reviewers. September is the last month of our budget year, so we are working on spending remaining funds, donation money we've received during the year, etc.

Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library): It has been an unbelievable busy summer at the library. We broke all previous patron use records for June, July and the way things look, August. We submitted our budget to our Village Board, so far OK. It doesn't look like we will be getting more money BUT at least our budget won't be cut. The Fire Dept's computer crashed, so they will be getting clerk's 1 year-old computer, and she will get new one. Chair of Village Board didn't want me to be upset, so he told that in 2 years they would upgrade clerk again, and the Library could have that computer. I let him know that the Village funds did NOT purchase any of our 4 computers. Three came from grants and 1 was purchased with Memorial money. I think he was surprised.

Barbara Cornelius (Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln): Wesleyan started classes on Monday, August 24th. Wesleyan purchased the United Methodist Conference office for expansion needs using surround properties. Barbara is starting bibliographic instruction in the library and working to develop things for upper classmen. They have started an assessment for the library: what is working and why.

Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City): The library is promoting "Get a Library Card" during September by giving away 3 non-resident cards, and a coupon for free book from Friends bookstore. September is also the month for their annual used book sale. Working on a NASA display coming from Houston, a space suit, shuttle, etc., as well as a big screen TV showing clips of the space program. They are working with the Strategic Air & Space Museum at Ashland. They will also have programs, like one where kids are able to launch rockets, and they hope to have an astronaut visit. The NASA display and events are being advertised in Omaha, Lincoln, Rockport, MO, and Shenandoah, Iowa and will be at the library for two months. The Applejack Festival is coming up and they have been rearranging some furniture in the library.

II Board Member Appointment

A motion was made by Becky Baker to appoint Adam Prochaska to the SELS Board of Directors. Kim McCain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III Approval of Minutes

Karen Frank made a motion to approve the minutes. Becky Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV Financial Report

Jenni Puchalla passed out a copy of the contracts. Jenni went over the year end budget report. There was a question about the grant for the bus trip to ALA. The professional budget was overspent and was carried over. Reimbursement has not been received for the system expenses for Glennor Shirley. They are expecting reimbursement this month. Barbara Hegr asked about the total income received from the Nebraska Library Commission. This will be discussed after the meeting. It was pointed out that the date at the top of the budget was incorrect; it should be 2009/10.

Glenda Willnerd made a motion to accept the transaction report and Kim McCain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Personnel Policy

Some changes have been made in the language of the policy. Last year's SELS Executive Committee and staff got together and went over the policy. There was some discussion about making a winter break between Christmas and New Years and getting rid of the three paid holidays. Brenda Ealey stated she takes vacation during that time. Some questions were raised about the 40-80 vacation hours that can be carried over and what would happen if an administrator left, because there most likely may not be money to cover within the SELS budget. We cannot take away earned vacation. Adam Prochaska will review the Personnel Policy as a board member and make his recommendations before we do anything. This topic was tabled. The Policy will be on Google Docs and board members are encouraged to review. We are to use the insert button to insert comments, and it will show who put the comments in and automatically save. Board is encouraged to add, but not delete just for review purposes. Adam Prochaska, in his role as a Board member, will look at the personnel contracts too. It was decided the personnel contracts for this year just needed to be signed.

IV. Administrator's Report

Highlights from Brenda's written report: NRLS Roadtrip to ALA Chicago with funding from an NLC CE Grant; Nebraska Library Leadership Institute in Schuyler; DeWitt CASTL Meeting and WY State Library Trustee DVD; Visit to Work Ethics Camp in McCook a part of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, participated in Wardens meeting with support for librarians getting internet access; Planning for the 2010 Heartland School Library Conference; NRLS are writing 3 grants for funding from NLC for Netbooks, Warren Grant (Blackbelt Librarian) preconference and Trustee Training with Jim Connor; Kathy Ellerton, the Administrator for NELS resigned with final day the end of July; Jill Von Minden completed her practicum with SELS; and SELS is beginning to put their collection online via Apollo and will have access to all Nebraska libraries who are Apollo subscribers on web page.

VII SELS Friends Report

Becky Baker reported that 51 people attended Harry Potter and they made \$116.75. The annual meeting of the members and then the Board of the Friends was held. They talked about scholarships and upcoming events. Iron Librarian Day is September 19th at the Platte Valley Antique Mall. Refreshments will be paid for by the Friends. The Friends will have a table at the NLA Conference. They are co-sponsoring a program on Speed Reviews. There will be a Barnes and Noble book fair the day after Thanksgiving. The Board discussed the need to have the friends finances separate. The bylaws need to be amended regarding electronic elections. The Friends elected officers for 2009/2010: Becky Baker – President, Tom Schmitz – Vice President, and Lisa Olivigni – Secretary/Treasurer.

VIII NLC Report

No report.

IX. 2009/2010 Meeting Schedule

SELS will meet October 9th at the Lincoln Regional Center, December 11th in Lincoln at the Harding and Shultz Law Firm, February 19th at the Seward Memorial Library, and April 9th Kim McCain at Tri-County Schools in DeWitt, NE.

X. Committee Assignments

Committee assignments for 2009/2010

CE Committee: Becky Baker, Karen Frank, Kim McCain, Glenda Willnerd, Scott Childers, Adam Prochaska, Barbara Cornelius

Network Committee: Barbara Hegr, Wanda Marget, Ruth Carlock, Kent Munster, Tom Schmitz, Robin Sugden

Executive Committee (Bylaws & Policies): Barbara Hegr, Karen Frank, and Ruth Carlock

XL. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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“All changes are more or less tinged with melancholy, for what we are leaving behind is part of ourselves.”

Amelia Barr

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