



# Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

## From the Director

June 2015

One of the greatest things you can learn as a librarian is “how to play the game” when it comes to working with your decision makers. I am not saying you need to learn to roll over and accept what they give you, but you need to know what is going on so you can be effective in meeting your goals.

Some things you need to know:

- 1) What are the rules? For public libraries it would be Chapter 51 or Chapter 16 of state statute followed by city ordinances. For academic or schools, there are probably some accreditation or curriculum guidelines that need to be followed. In some other cases, you may need to know things like open meeting laws or even Roberts Rules of Order just to get through a meeting in an effective manner.
- 2) Who are the players? Playing the game also means you need to know who are working with or against. This is like a game of poker where playing the person is sometimes more important than the cards in your hand. What are their motivations? What would it take for them to become allies? Where can I push and where do I have to tread lightly?
- 3) What is the current situation? I’ve had a couple of cases where everyone was focused on the past and didn’t seem to want to actually progress. A frank understanding of where the library and the community it serves at as it currently stands is necessary to make any meaningful changes.
- 4) Is everybody playing the same game? You can’t win a game of Go Fish if everyone else at the table is playing Monopoly. I’ve seen many times where people insisted in playing the same old game when everyone else had moved onto another.
- 5) Is the game rigged? In the most extreme cases, you may have some dirty players. That’s when it might be time to call in outside help to make sure that further damage isn’t done.

Again, you aren’t playing the game just to be nice and accommodating and go with the flow. You play the game so your requests are couched in the same language, philosophy and point of view the people who hold some sort of influence over you and your library. By learning to play the game, you can then master the game to help get what you need.

Scott Childers, Executive Director  
Southeast Library System

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# Calendar



- June 14th**—Flag Day
- June 18th**—International Sushi Day
- June 19th**—Garfield the Cat Day
- June 21st**—Father’s Day, Summer Solstice
- June 23rd**—Let it Go Day
- June 25th**—Color TV Day
- June 30th**—Meteor Watch Day
- July 2nd**—World UFO Day
- July 3rd**—Independence Day Observed, SELS Office Closed
- July 4th**—Independence Day
- July 13th**—Embrace Your Geekness Day
- July 15th**—CASTL Meeting at the SELS Office, Lincoln
- July 20th, 1969**—First Moon Landing
- July 29th**—Rain Day
- July 30th**—Paperback Book Day



## Photo of the Month



Brandon Wright, science teacher at Central City High School, talked about the scientific elements, did some very cool experiments, and then the kids designed their own super-power characters using a scientific element as his/her special power. Their creations were fantastic, and they will bring back their finished products next week for point rewards!

The goal in this first S.T.E.A.M. workshop (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) was to give kids an introduction to scientific elements in a fun way.

Photo by Julie Marco, youth librarian at Central City Public Library.

# CASTL Wrap-Up

## Upcoming CASTL Meetings

July 15  
Lincoln

August 21  
Pawnee City

Our CASTL meeting for May was held at the new Ashland Public Library building and hosted by Director Heather St. Clair. This meeting had a few new faces, both to CASTL meetings and the profession, so the focus for the meeting was on allowing the questions to flow and giving the opportunity to discuss librarianship in the state.

Many topics were discussed including adventures in building maintenance as recent rains created minor flooding or exposed problems with the building’s roofing. Some buildings were undergoing renovation or picking up some delayed maintenance that had to be put on hold during the recent recession. Other directors were still trying to place needed repairs on a priority list for their community.

Summer reading either just started or would start shortly after the meeting. Lengths of the summer reading programs were shared with some going 8 weeks and others having cut down to 4 weeks.

Several retirements were announced. New Dvoracek Memorial Director Sharon Kastanek announced that both Susie Homolka & Nancy Vacek were retiring this year. Susie would be leaving shortly and Nancy at the end of summer, but would still be helping out after that. Fairbury Director Karen Fox will retire soon and Debbie Aden (currently director at Waverly and also working for Lincoln City Libraries) will replace her. We also had Mead’s new director, Lori Moseman in attendance.

Some extended discussions were had on phone & internet providers, especially in comparing the costs and speeds offered.

Another in-depth discussion was had on library security. A few of the librarians present had recently viewed webinars about security or had local law enforcement talk about active shooter scenarios. One free 5 minute video from the FBI was mentioned, ‘Run. Hide. Fight.’ <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cirg/active-shooter-and-mass-casualty-incidents/run-hide-fight-video>

## What is CASTL?

CASTL is a monthly meeting where public library directors can get together and learn from one another. Each meeting has a round-robin discussion where everyone can share what’s going on at their library, followed by a training discussion or presentation. There is CE credit available for all attendees! See the schedule on the left for where we’ll be meeting next!

## Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

Registration will be open soon for the next set of basic skills courses, offered through the Nebraska Library Commission. To see the full calendar & register for classes, [click here](#). Here’s what’s coming up next:

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration Open</u>
July 20—July 31	Collection Management	June 12—July 10
August 24—Sept. 4	Library Policy	July 17—August 14
Sept. 14—Sept. 25	Programming & Outreach	August 7—Sept. 4

# News Around the System

## A Red, White, and Blue Storytime

By Sandy Wallick Here are some ideas for a Red, White & Blue Storytime (I use this for 4th of July). I've used different titles at different times so there's WAY more than 1 storytime can handle. If there's a (T) after, it means this is a good toddler title as well.



Cohan, George M. YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG (illus. by Warren Kimble) 978-0-8027-9576-2



Gilchrist, Ann Spivey. MY AMERICA (with Ashley Bryan) 978-0-0607-9104-9



Raczka, Bob. SUMMER WONDERS (illus. Judy Stead) 978-0-8075-7653-3 (T)

Roberts, Bethany. FOURTH OF JULY MICE! (illus. by Doug Cushman) 0-618-31366-4 (T)



Roosa, Karen. PIPPA AT THE PARADE. (Illus. by JJulie Fortenberry) 978-1-59078-567-6 (T)

Wardlaw, Lee. RED, WHITE, AND BOOM! (illus. by Huy Voun Lee) 978-0-8050-9065-9 (T)



White, Becky. BETSY ROSS. (illus. by Megan Lloyd) 978-0-8234-1908-1 (T)

Ziefert, Harriet. HATS OFF FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY. (illus. by Gustaf Miller) 0-670-89118-5

For flannelboards I used ideas I got from these sites:

<http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/?p=2267> Her ideas has shapes in the three colors & ends with a flag.



<http://missangela17.blogspot.com/2012/07/flannel-friday-fabulous-fireworks.html> These are easy fireworks to make with pipe cleaners and/or felt.



<https://librarianisontheloose.wordpress.com/2014/07/15/fourth-of-july-story-time/> This site has an entire plan & also talks about an experiment Fireworks in a Jar that I can't wait to try!



[http://storytimesparks.blogspot.com/2013\\_06\\_01\\_archive.html](http://storytimesparks.blogspot.com/2013_06_01_archive.html) This is my (not very active blog) posting for Five Flags which I do with five small American flags.

Happy Fourth of July from Gere Branch Library & Lincoln City Libraries!

## Ground Broken for Deshler's New Library

By Joyce Schmidt On Tuesday, May 12, 2015, the public was invited to attend a 5:30 p.m. ground breaking ceremony on the site where Deshler's new library will be erected. Construction will begin very soon.



## Mark's Top Thirteen Lessons Learned from the Army

By Linda Dux

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Mark A. Schoenrock gave the presentation at the Fairbury Public Library Summer Reading Program on June 5th. Mark is a survivor of the attack on the Pentagon on September 11th. He shared his memories and mementos with the children and adult guests. The topic was "Lessons Learned From My 40 Year Career Serving in the United States Army (or Mark's Top Thirteen):

1. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
2. Do your best every day.
3. Do the right thing. (Everything we need to know we really did learn in Kindergarten)
4. "Get a good night's sleep, things will be better in the morning." —Colin Powell.
5. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream, it constantly outdistances us. "Relish the moment" is a good motto, but even better yet is what the psalmist wrote in Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." As a little boy, my grandmother always told me this verse. I am happy to say it has stayed with me all of my life. It isn't the burdens of today that drive us mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.
6. "The nature of our lives here is short, but the beauty of a life well lived is eternal." —Cicero
7. Life at 12 MPH; Find yours!
8. The three enemies of a good leader: anonymity, irrelevance, immeasurability.
9. "There is a tide in the affairs of men. Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat, And we must take the current when it serves, Or lose our ventures." —Shakespeare: Julius Caesar. Find your high tide and act on it!
10. "One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. But to sacrifice what you are and to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying, even more terrible than dying young." —Joan of Arc. Who are you?
11. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." —Romans 8: 38-39
12. September 11, 2001: Make each day count!
13. How do you want to be remembered when this mortal journey is completed? This is mine: A loving husband, father, son and brother; an officer who never failed in duty; a man who loved and trusted God; he was a credit to his generation.



Retired Lieutenant Colonel Mark A. Schoenrock speaks at Fairbury's Summer Reading Program. Photo by library clerk Jessica Brejcha.

# Civil Rights History, Captured in Photos

By Sara Lee

The largest demonstration in our nation's capital and civil rights history is captured in the photographic exhibition, "The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom: A Half Century Remembrance of the Dream, on view during June & July at our library. These historic photographs depict the march participants, organizers, and program speakers. Organized by National Exhibitions & Archives, LLC.

We are featuring Created Equal programming during June & July as a result of our library receiving a \$1,200 grant from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. 'Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle' is made possible through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.



## Summertime Makerspaces

By Glenda Willnerd



LEGOs, LEGOs everywhere. How do you construct a bridge for the Three Billy Goats Gruff to cross? That was the challenge facing youngsters at the first Makerspace Day at the Palmyra Memorial Library. I wonder what next week's challenge will be?

## Super Beginning of Summer

By Terry Olson



108 young superheroes zoomed to the Hebron Secret Library for the opening session of our Summer Reading Program on May 27 and May 28. Photo by Hebron Secret Library staff.

## Summer Postponed in Seward

By Charlotte Baldinger

A special community project outside of Seward Memorial Library turned into a difficult situation. A post indicator valve malfunction set off trouble alarms and the air was not moving or cooling in the library on Friday, May 29. The crew working on the new city fiber optic lines outside reported that as they expanded their work next to the library, problems occurred affecting the inside of the building. The workers had bored under the library parking lot, hitting the geothermal heat pump lines as well as the electrical lines for the PIV. All of the heat pumps had to be turned off in the building as the damage was assessed. A repair method had to be determined and implemented so the building was closed during this process. At 1 p.m. on June 3 the doors opened again to the public. Patrons of all ages were eager to get their library materials and join in the summer activities. The staff cheered and welcomed the waiting readers! We wished that there were some super powers available during this trial, but the staff is thankful that there is space on the July calendar to reschedule the “first week of summer.”

## From the SELS Office

### Make Sure to Vote for Your New SELS Board Members!

The election for the new SELS board members goes through Wednesday, June 17th. Here are your nominees:

- ➔ Debbie Aden — Director, Waverly Community Library
- ➔ Anne K. Heimann — Director of Library Services, Bryan College of Health Sciences/Medical Center
- ➔ Chris Haeffner — Coordinator of Library Media Services, Lincoln Public Schools
- ➔ Jessica Breitreutz — Librarian, Centennial Public School
- ➔ Lola Seitz — Director, Pawnee City Public Library

There is also an area to write-in candidates, if you so choose. Everyone in the SELS area is eligible to vote. Please check your email for the SurveyMonkey link to vote, & if you have any questions or problems voting, email the SELS office anytime and we will do our best to help!



### Lincoln Saltdogs Tickets Available for Summer Reading

The Lincoln Saltdogs baseball team is offering free vouchers for their Summer Reading Recognition Night game on August 2nd to libraries in the SELS area. The vouchers are for a free children's admission or 1/2 price other admission. Please [email the SELS office](#) by June 17 and let us know how many vouchers you would like. We can't guarantee we will be able to fulfill all the requests, but we'll get as many as we can!



# HEY SUMMER READERS!

Complete your library's summer reading program and you will be automatically entered to **win one of fifteen \$529** NEST 529 College Savings Scholarships. Five will be awarded in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts.

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And, the library of each winner will also win \$250!  
Questions? Talk to your librarian.

To see the official rules, go to [NEST529.com](http://NEST529.com)

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- Building Up--generally those age 40 to up to 2 years before retirement
- Making it Last--retired or those retiring within 2 years

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<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/finra/libs/FINRALoanCollectionOrderForm.pdf>.

If you have any question about the curriculum or bulk loans, please contact JoAnn McManus, [joann.mcmanus@nebraska.gov](mailto:joann.mcmanus@nebraska.gov), 402-471-4870, 800-307-2665.

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## NebraskAccess Changes

The Nebraska Library Commission is happy to announce major changes in the statewide database lineup offered through NebraskAccess as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Based on requests that we have heard from librarians over the years, the content has been expanded and all the databases will be available to all types of libraries.

NebraskAccess will provide access to:

MasterFILE Complete <sup>NEW</sup>	Thousands of full text magazines, journals, and reference works; more than one million images
Primary Search <sup>NEW</sup> (designed for elementary age students)	Full text magazines and reference works including <i>Funk &amp; Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia</i>
NoveList Plus <sup>NEW</sup>	Reading recommendations, book summaries, reviews, and suggestions for fiction and nonfiction
NoveList K8 Plus <sup>NEW</sup>	Reading recommendations for the younger crowd, tools for teachers and parents
Biography Reference Bank	Full text magazines, journals, and reference works
Biography Reference Center <sup>NEW</sup>	Full text reference works and narrative biographies
MyHeritage <sup>NEW</sup>	Global genealogy resources
Points of View Reference Center <sup>NEW</sup>	Critical analysis with overview, point and counterpoint on hundreds of topics for middle and high school students
Legal Information Reference Center <sup>NEW</sup>	Full text reference works (NOLO Press publications); legal forms
Small Business Reference Center <sup>NEW</sup>	Full text reference works; videos
Consumer Health Complete <sup>NEW</sup>	Full text reference works and periodicals, videos
Science & Technology Collection <sup>NEW</sup>	Full text magazines and journals
Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection <sup>NEW</sup>	Full text magazines and journals
FirstSearch databases	FirstSearch databases including WorldCat will continue to be available; however, the interface will be changing in late summer.

Databases that will be discontinued as of July 1, 2015 are:

OmniFile Full Text Select  
 eLibrary  
 HeritageQuest Online  
 Books in Print

Any library that wishes to subscribe individually to eLibrary, HeritageQuest Online, or Books in Print through ProQuest should contact Susan Knisely by email, [susan.knisely@nebraska.gov](mailto:susan.knisely@nebraska.gov), or phone, 402-471-3849 or 800-307-2665 for information about placing orders.

Follow the NebraskAccess mailing list (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/nebraskaccess/maillinglist.aspx>) to keep up with the training events being planned and other details on the transition.

## LEGO Giveaway! Enter Your Name in the Drawing Today

The SELS office has a several-thousand-piece LEGO box, which comes with a LEGO 'Junior Maker' poster, as well as ideas on how to start your own LEGO club or maker program. We will be having a drawing to give the LEGO box away to one lucky library in the area! Here are the rules:

- ➔ Any library in the SELS area can participate!
- ➔ Each entry must have the library name, as well as a primary contact person.
- ➔ Only one entry per library.
- ➔ The drawing will be held July 1st.



To enter, [email the SELS office](#) with your name & your library, and you will be entered into the drawing. The LEGOs will be delivered at no cost to the winning library. Good luck!

## Working on your Strategic Plan? SELS Can Help

SELS provides custom support for your strategic planning process.

Need just a little help? Give us a call!

Want feedback on your plan? Send it to us and receive input on areas to work on.

Need a lot of help? Scott will be happy to come down to your library to do workshops with you and your planning group on the process, and to give tips for creating a successful strategic plan.



*Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open.*

*-John Barrymore*

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