



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



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Guest Columnist Sharon Osenga, co-director of Central Plains Library System, uses an experience with the “Pinzgauer” to speak about the importance of making connections.

I know, I know, you’re probably wondering what a Pinzgauer is and what it has to do with libraries!

Several years ago when I was President of the Mountain Plains Library Association, I attended the New Mexico Library Association Conference as part of my MPLA presidential responsibilities. While there, MPLA Vice-President Wayne Hanway and I decided to tour the Farmington Public Library. After the [tour of a truly stellar modern library facility](#), we began to talk with the Security Officers. In the course of the conversation, I discovered that one of them had worked with the Forestry Service just one mile from my home town in California (population 1200). After reminiscing about various places, the security guard invited Wayne and me out to the parking lot to see something unusual. You guessed it: the Pinzgauer! This six-wheel drive Swiss Army vehicle

sure beats the Humvee! Wayne and I were taken for an exhilarating ride over Bureau of Land Management land; over boulders and up and down sheer hills, through sand and water. It was a once in a lifetime experience! If we had not taken the time to connect with the staff, we would have completely missed out on this opportunity.

Ironically, the theme of the conference was Making Connections. By making this particular connection, Wayne and I experienced something new. Let me encourage you to make connections—through membership in NLA, NSLA, MPLA or ALA; through attending the annual joint conference; and through making new acquaintances with other people at system sponsored events. Your connections may not bring you something as fun as riding in the Pinzgauer but they can bring you friends and colleagues who can help you in many other ways, such as new job opportunities, help with problems or just a shoulder to cry on!

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Calendar

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- June 18—University of Missouri SISLT Open House, SELS Office, 9—11 am, p. 12
- June 19—Father’s Day
- June 20—National Vanilla Milkshake Day
- June 28—National Paul Bunyan Day
- June 30—CASTL, Morton-James Public Library (Nebraska City), “Escape Room,” p. 3
- July 4—Independence Day, SELS Office closed
- July 6—National Fried Chicken Day
- July 10—National Pina Colada Day
- July 12—National Simplicity Day
- July 14—National Hot Dog Day
- July 21—CASTL, Geneva
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Image of the Month



At Fairbury Public Library, as part of the Summer Reading Program, children grades 2 and older are working to learn SCRATCH programming. This computer program system allows children to create their own games as well as re-create great Nintendo games like Pong and Mario. —Linda Dux

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

June 30
Morton-James Public Library,
Nebraska City
"Escape Room"

July 21
Geneva Public Library
"Weeding" with Denise Harders

August 18
Stromsburg Public Library
"SRP: Lessons Learned"

September 23
Auburn Memorial Library
"Meeting Parents Needs without Locking Kids Out"

October 28
Dvoracek Memorial Library
Wilber

November 17
Hruska Memorial Library
David City
"Favorite Books"

There was no CASTL Meeting last month. However, this month, on Thursday, June 30, we get to experience the Escape Room in Nebraska City.

On May 25 Big Apple News/Radio featured a [really cool video and story](#) about the opening of the escape room. The mayor and his family made it out with less than five minutes left. This was part of a larger opening party in which over 100 people participated. Below, a photo of the mayor and his family as they make a high five inside the Escape Room (courtesy of Morton-James Library staff).



To whet your appetite, we are reprinting a few more photos with the courteous permission of Dan Swanson of Big Apple News/Radio.

(See page four for the next photo.)



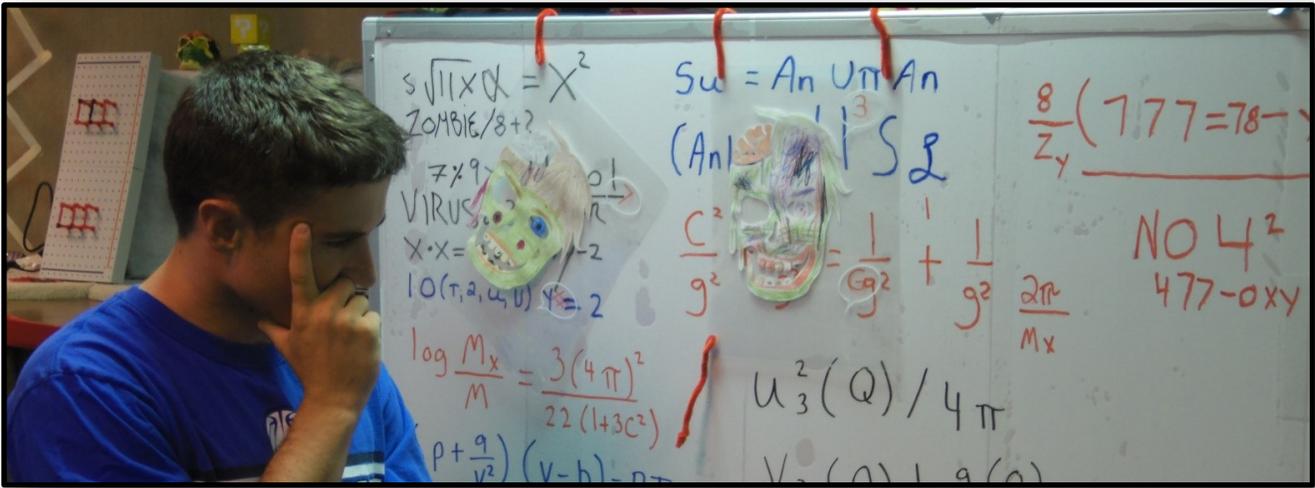
Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

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 18 —July 29	Collection Management	June 10 —July 8
August 22 —September 2	Library Policy	July 15 —August 12
Sept. 12—Sept. 23	Programming & Outreach	August 5—September 2
October 3—October 14	The Community and the Library	August 26 - September 23

News Around the System

Escape Room Photo, continued from page three



Learning about Nutrition with a Blender Bike

By Dorinda Brown, Photos by Monica Tidyman



Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade learned how to blend healthy eating and being active with two fun sessions featuring the popular “Blender Bike” at the Stromsburg Public Library. Polk County Extension Agent, Amy Peterson and Library Director, Monica Tidyman, took turns reading stories to each session before discussion turned to how much sugar is in popular kid drinks. The students then learned how to make a healthy drink at home with the help of the Blender Bike.



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After Birthday Party, Stuffed Animals Get Into Mischief

By Sara Lee, Photos by Kirsten Fasbender and Sara Lee



At Central City Public Library, the Summer Reading Kick-off program for the 4-7 year old Roadrunners was a Curious George 75th Birthday Party and Animal Sleepover! Kids were encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal. There were stories, games, and lots of fun, and then the kids tucked their stuffed friends under blankets. The kids went home and the critters spent the night in the library. Hidden cameras caught the animals as they got into mischief during the night. Pictures were posted to Facebook. The kids picked up the animals the next day at another summer reading event.



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Milligan Public Library Receives some Beautification

Picture by library treasurer Shirley Brunkow

Main Street in Milligan is looking better all the time. Debbie Svec Adams provided an urn with plants and Diane Luzum Kresak and Dwayne Luzum gave a bench. These are now in front of the Milligan Public Library in memory of Debbie's mother and Diane and Dwayne's sister, Jeanette Svec.

People pictures left to right: Debbie Svec Adams, Diane Luzum Kresak and Dwayne Luzum



Welcome to Seussville

By Barbie Sweet

The Clarks Public Library had their kick off to Summer Reading June 1. The theme is Welcome to Seussville. Each week a different Dr. Seuss book will be highlighted & activities/speakers will correlate. Summer Reading will be June 1- July 20th, each Wednesday at 1:30. Activities range from having a race car come, Christmas with the Grinch, to having the zoo come to us! Recently, the kids decorated socks for Fox in Socks. The socks will be used to keep track of books read during summer reading.



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SELS and NSLA Collaborate

By Todd Schlechte

Southeast Library System and the Nebraska School Librarians Association partnered to produce “School Librarians in the Digital Age.” The event was successful, with a total of 28 attending (cramping the space a bit). Workshops included *NebraskaAccess K-12 Databases* with Susan Knisely (we have some extra handouts), *Digital Citizenship* with Chris Pultz and Chris Haeffner (this session had a special focus on <https://www.commonensemedia.org/>), as well as a [session on Twitter by Cynthia Stodgill](#) entitled *This is not your Grandmother’s Library*.



Palmyra Memorial Library Hosts Art Show

By Glenda Willnerd, photos by Jackie Bremer

The Palmyra Memorial Library hosted an art show featuring artwork by Julie Childers of Lincoln on Sunday, June 5th. Instead of a brush, Julie prefers to use palette knives or her bare hands to manipulate the acrylic paint. In 2015 Julie won an Award of Merit for her piece, *Untitled*, in the Lincoln Artist’s Guild 2015 Winter Show. Julie is



pictured with her most recent painting – *The Yellow Dress*. She is also pictured showing one of the 30 guests, 96 year old Roland Rodaway, the various techniques she uses to create her art. Julie is the wife of Scott Childers, Southeast Library Systems Administrator.

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Go, Dog, Go!

Contributed by Barbee Sweet

Wednesday, June 8, was "Go, Dog Go!" Day at the Clarks Public Library. They had Dwight Strobel of Strobel Motorsports bring his pre-runner. Off-road racing is what Strobel Motorsports does. The kids all got stickers & posters. Dwight even started up the truck & let us all hear the power! Race fans were made that afternoon!



Joint Youth Services Retreat

featuring



Libraries Serving Youth: Growing the Brain!

Sheryl Feinstein, Dean of Education, UNK



Behind the Scenes with Bruce Arant

Bruce Arant, Author and Illustrator

22nd Annual Youth Services Retreat

August 25-26

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

For full program and registration: <http://bit.ly/2016Ashland>

If you can't make the Ashland retreat, you can still hear the above speakers at the two events below!

Youth Services Day

August 19, Wilson Public Library, Cozad

Registration: <http://goo.gl/forms/XFAJK5UpJ0H91ZIB2>

Fall Library Workshop

September 21, Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

Registration: <http://bit.ly/FLW2016>

Thursday, Aug 25	22nd Annual Youth Services Retreat	Camp Carol Joy Holling
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 11:00	Libraries Serving Youth: Growing the Brain! <i>This special interactive presentation will focus on the transforming brain of our babies, children, and teens in relation to libraries. The fascinating changes that are popping, generating, and igniting in our youths' brains shed light on how to best understand, support, and mentor these mystifying creatures.</i>	Sheryl Feinstein, Dean of Education, UNK
11:10 - 12:00	Book Clubs for Youth <i>Book clubs are a great tool for instilling literacy skills and maintaining a love for reading. This session will discuss using book clubs for youth as part of your library programming.</i>	Anneka Ramirez, TRLS
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 - 2:30	Crowdsharing: “Booktalk” Your favorite websites and resources <i>In this session, retreat participants will be the presenters. Each person will have a few minutes to present favorite websites, resources, program and craft ideas. If you go on too long...</i>	Participants
2:45 - 3:45	Out of Box Programming Ideas for Teens. <i>Interested in encouraging young people to tap into their creativity using the resources of the library? In this presentation, we will discuss how writing groups and writing partners—using the generative writing process—can inspire potential slam poets, songwriters—all writers—to dream more and unleash the imagination.</i>	Lucy Adkins and Becky Breed
4:00 – 6:00	Best Games for Programming <i>Board Games can be used in library programming for all ages to educate, engage, and create community. Volunteers from Spielbound will demo games and guide us as we learn to play games that are new to us.</i>	Spielbound volunteers
6:00 - 7:00	Dinner	
7:00 – 10:00	Time to exchange ideas, hang out, play games	

Friday, Aug 26	22nd Annual Youth Services Retreat	Camp Carol Joy Holling
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	
8:30--9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:50	<p>Tween Read-a-Louds <i>Story time should not be reserved for preschool or kindergarten children. Listening to stories should be a frequent and enjoyable experience for all readers. Hear about the benefits of reading to older children, learn how to introduce a book you are about to read aloud, and take home a long list of suitable books to read. (And the great thing is, you probably already have the books in your library!)</i></p>	Denise Harders, CPLS
10:00 – 10:50	<p>The Future of Virtual Reality for Youth Services <i>Virtual and augmented reality devices have been hyped for decades, but the technology is finally starting to reach its full potential. In this presentation, we'll talk about the differences between VR and AR, discuss the plethora of VR devices, and explore how to utilize them in a library setting.</i></p>	Craig Lefteroff
11:00-11:50	<p>Green Screen Magic <i>You don't have to have a Hollywood budget to have fun with green screen effects. Join staff members from Central City Public Library, to see how they have used green screen effects at events for all ages, to create some amazing looking photos and videos.</i></p>	Sara Lee, Judy Marco, and Jamie Wright
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:30	<p>Behind the Scenes with Bruce Arant <i>Children's book author/illustrator, Bruce Arant, provides an entertaining glimpse of the twists and turns he has encountered along the path of traditional publishing. His book, <i>Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep!</i>, has garnered notable attention including: two 2014 Nebraska Book Awards, nominee for the 2015-2016 Golden Sower Award; selected to represent the state of Nebraska at the 2015 National Book Festival; placement on the Nebraska 150 Book List.</i></p>	Bruce Arant, Author and Illustrator
2:30 – 3:00	<p>Book Sales and Signings, Evaluations and Giveaways</p> <p>We must leave the premises at 3:00 pm.</p>	



University of Missouri–Columbia
School of Information Science
and Learning Technologies
(SISLT)
Open House

**Saturday, June 18 2016
9-11 am**

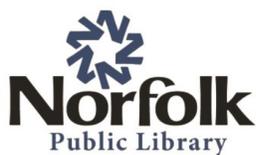
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Norfolk
Public Library

LITERATURE FESTIVAL

22nd Annual

Saturday, July 30th 2016

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Northeast Community College

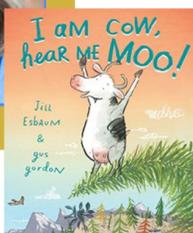
Lifelong Learning Center

801 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk, NE

Featuring:



Jill Esbaum



2017 Golden Sower Award nominee for *I Am Cow, Hear Me Moo!*



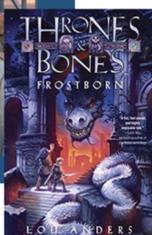
Sally M. Walker



2017 Golden Sower Award nominee for *Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-The-Pooh.*



Lou Anders



2017 Golden Sower Award nominee for *Frostborn.*



Alan Gratz



2015 Golden Sower Award YA Winner for *Prisoner B-3087.*

ALSO: 2016-2017 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Jill Esbaum, Sally M. Walker, Lou Anders, and Alan Gratz; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing with Jill Esbaum, Sally M. Walker, Lou Anders, and Alan Gratz; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools.

Advance tickets are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order (see attached registration/order form). For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone at 402.844.2108 or email at kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

A wonderful way to spend a summer day for literature lovers of all ages!

22nd ANNUAL NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY LITERATURE FESTIVAL

REGISTRATION/TICKET ORDER FORM

Youth and Adult walk-ins are welcome at full price the day of the Festival but lunch cannot be guaranteed to walk-ins.

Name: _____
(please print)

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Number of tickets you are ordering (ticket price includes lunch—vegetarian and gluten free options will be available):

Youth (18 and under), \$15.00 each: _____ Adult, \$40.00 each: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Advance tickets are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order. To order tickets by mail, send a completed registration form with full payment (write checks to “Norfolk Library Foundation–Literature Festival”) to:

Literature Festival

Norfolk Public Library
308 W. Prospect Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

If you want your tickets sent to you, provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

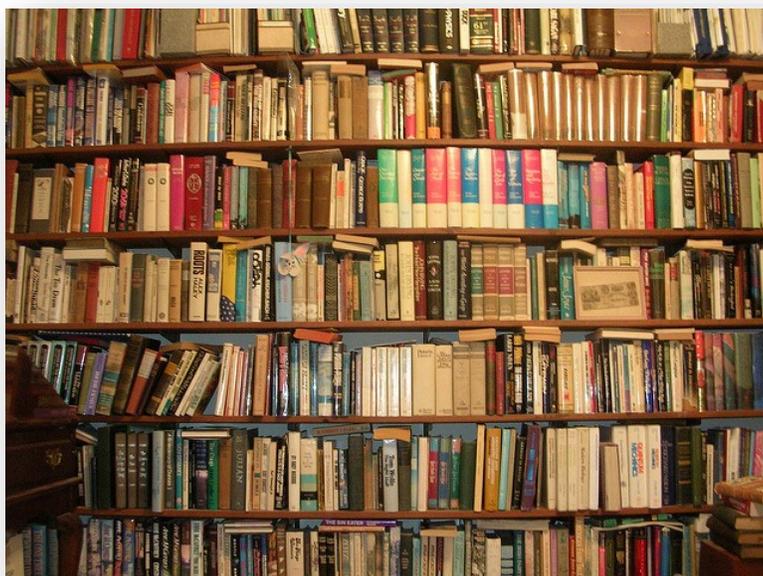
If no stamped, self-addressed envelope is provided, tickets will be held for you to be picked up the day of the Festival.

For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone (402/844-2108) or e-mail kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

System Spotlight

Time to Weed?

Are your shelves overfilled? Do you have books that are dilapidated? Do you have materials that are inaccurate or out of date? Or perhaps you even have items that don't fit into the scope of the library's collection?



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Then it's time to weed! Don't let a fear of weeding or a lack of time keep you from this necessary work. Todd and Scott are willing to come out to help. Just call us at 402-467-6188 or email Todd at todd.schlechte.sels@gmail.com. We will set up a time that works both for you and for us.

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