



# Southeast Signal

*News, Events, and Information from Around the System*

## From the Director



One word I'm hearing a bunch lately is "overwhelmed".

Many of us are neck deep in figuring out how to best move forward toward something resembling normal operations of our

libraries, not to mention all the other issues in the larger world around what many of us are highly passionate about. Librarians generally are people drawn to help other people; that's often the reason many of us choose to be in this line of work. This often does lend itself to us constantly wanting to improve things as well.

I would urge you, especially in these times of uncertainty, to remember to take care of yourselves as well. Very often there seems to be this feeling that if you aren't completely focused on whatever cause you are fighting for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year – then you are failing.

The issue with that stance is that human beings need rest. Mental, emotional and physical well-being demands that we take care of our own needs to be able to help others with theirs more effectively. I'm not saying quit striving to improve things or to stop trying to do what you think is right, I am saying give yourself a chance to recover, refocus and reenergize instead of never stopping.

Physical breaks such as taking a quick walk allow blood to flow and releases chemicals in the body that positively affect the brain in areas of focus, mood, and memory. Mental breaks, even a little bit of unfocused day dreaming, can help find new perspectives on problems that you have been working on without success. Taking some emotional breaks by reading fiction, watching silly videos, playing games, or listening to music allow the "fight-or-flight" instincts to calm down and allow your body to recover and rebuild.

In the more extreme cases, you may need professional help of some type to get through extremely stressful situations, even if it is a little nudge to get you back on the right track. The things that stress does to a human being can often happen over a long time and we sometimes forget what it actually feels like to be functioning as best we can.

Be good to yourself, so you can do good for others.

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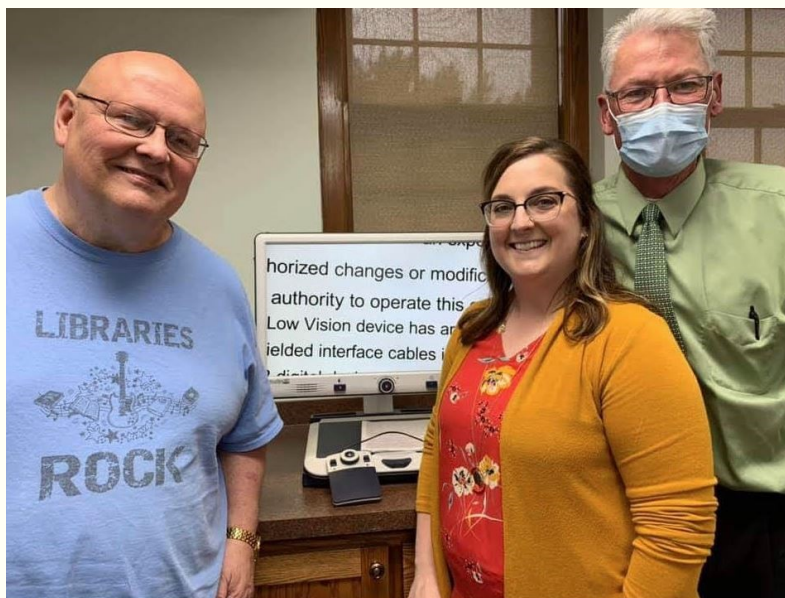
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# Calendar



- June 14, National Strawberry Shortcake Day
- June 17, National Apple Strudel Day
- June 19, National Garfield the Cat Day
- June 20, Summer begins, longest daylight of the year
- June 21, Father's Day
- June 24-26, ALA Virtual Conference
- June 25, Eric Carle's Birthday
- June 26, National Chocolate Pudding Day
- June 27, National Ice Cream Cake Day
- June 28, National Paul Bunyan Day
- June 29, National Camera Day
- June 30, Social Media Day
- July, National Culinary Arts Month
- National Picnic Month
- July 3, Independence Day Observed (SELS Office Closed)
- July 4, Independence Day
- July 6, National Fried Chicken Day

# Photo of the Month



Hebron Secrest Library received a low vision machine recently. It is a donation from the Wrigley Family of Fairbury, and it was presented to Chuck Reichwein, library director, by Dr. Steele of Mid America and Dr. Johnson of Johnson Family Vision Care.

# ALA, ARSL to Hold Virtual Conferences

## Upcoming CASTL Meetings

We are currently holding informal Zoom meetings twice a month instead of face to face CASTL meetings. We will resume CASTL meetings when it becomes practical to do so.

Therefore, the schedule below should be regarded as tentative.

July 24  
Wahoo Public Library

August 27  
Fairbury Public Library

September 25  
Bruun Memorial Library  
Humboldt

The American Library Association had to call off its regular conference due to COVID-19. While that is unfortunate, there is a silver lining, which is the creation of a special virtual conference to take its place.

This now gives access to hundreds of people who would not have had it otherwise. For example, there are no travel or hotel costs involved. And the cost of the conference has been reduced to a mere \$60 with the use of a special promotional code for American Library Association Members. People who might have never attended ALA in their lifetime have the opportunity this year to do so.

The dates of the conference are June 24-June 26, and you must register [here](#) by June 17.

For a full schedule, [click here](#).

**The ARSL has made a similar choice.** The conference was to be in Wichita, Kansas, but the Board has decided that to protect the health of everyone involved, a virtual conference was a better idea for this year. The dates for this conference are September 30—October 3. From the website:

Members, Advocates, and Friends,

The ARSL Conference Committee Chairs and members of the ARSL Board recently met to discuss our options for holding the ARSL 2020 Conference. It was a tough but unanimous decision—ARSL 2020 will be held virtually.

While the format and timing are still being discussed, we are embracing

## Upcoming

To see the list of upcoming classes, [click here](#). Here's what's coming up next:

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration</u>
July 6—July 17	Reference	June 1—June 26
July 27—August 7	Library Policy	June 22—July 17
August 17—August 28	Collection Management	July 13—August 8

# More News About Conferences

## **ALA, ARSL Virtual Conferences *continued***

this as an opportunity to try new things! You can still count on our full schedule of professional development, networking, and socializing. If your program proposal was accepted for the conference, we will be in touch with further details. Information about exhibiting and sponsoring for #ARSL2020 will be available soon.

The health of our members and communities is ARSL's top priority. While we will miss seeing everyone in Wichita, we are excited for this opportunity to reach library professionals who will not be able to travel this year, as well as those who have never been able to attend an ARSL conference. We look forward to making this a fully enjoyable experience for all attendees, presenters, and exhibitors!

Sincerely,

ARSL Conference Committee

ARSL Board of Directors

## **Nebraska Library Association Cancels Conference**

The Nebraska Library Association (NLA) is committed to supporting all libraries and library workers during these uncertain times. We want to maintain as much access to our resources and services as possible to help support our communities, but we also know that public health is paramount. This led the NLA Board of Directors to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Nebraska Library Association Conference, Together Facing Forward, which would have been held in Kearney October 7-9, 2020. We look forward to seeing you October 13-15, 2021 at the Hilton Omaha!

The Board also remains committed to finding ways to continue to engage the library community in the coming year. If you have ideas or suggestions to share with us, please reach out to Ginger Jelinek, NLA Executive Director at [nlaexecutivedirector@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlaexecutivedirector@nebraskalibraries.org).

Please click [here](#) to see the results of the recent survey.

Thank you for your membership and your support of the NLA!

Sincerely,

[The NLA Board of Directors](#)

*Source: [nebraskalibraries.org/conference](http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference)*



## Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

<http://www.cccneb.edu/library>

**Enrollment for Fall 2020 opens April 14, 2020**

*Fall 2020: August 17, 2020 – December 11, 2020*

### Fall 2020

#### **LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services**

*Marty Magee, Instructor*

This course, the recommended first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- Library history and organizations
- Foundation Principles/Code of Ethics
- Information databases and Internet usage

#### **LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies**

*Michael Straatmann, Instructor*

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

#### **LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum**

*Patty Birch, Instructor*

This capstone course is the last course in the Library and Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

- *Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250*

<b>Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings</b>	
<b>Fall 2020</b>	<b>Spring 2021</b>
LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	LIBR 2100 Reference Resources and Services
LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies
LIBR 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification

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## System Spotlight

# SELS Office Open!

Like most of the member libraries of Southeast Library System, SELS has been operating quite differently over the last few months. Both Scott and Todd have worked from home. But now, as of June 1, Scott is working at the SELS office. Beginning June 16, Scott and Todd will alternate office time. If you call the office and don't reach anyone, please leave a message or email them (email addresses below).



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