



# Southeast Signal

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

## From the Director

### Turn Yourself Into a Talent Scout

*Guest column by Denise Harders of Central Plains Library System*

One sure way to host successful programming in your library is to identify the talents and abilities of those individuals in your community. Everyone has hobbies, interests, and skills, and many are experienced enough to teach others. Almost always, these people are happy to conduct a FREE library program. It gives them confidence, a feeling of recognition, and it builds new friendships and partners.

The more people you meet, the more connections you will make and the more program prospects you will find. Be open, friendly, and assertive. Let people know that your goal is to make your library a "hub" of activity and learning in your community. Ask yourself these questions:

- ➔ Is there a new business in town that could use some exposure?
- ➔ Is there a doctor or specialist at the local hospital



who could present a health program of interest?

- ➔ How about hosting a hair make-over with a hairdresser in town?
- ➔ Is there a boutique that would feature their clothing in a small fashion show?

➔ Is there a local artist or photographer who could teach a class or two?

➔ What about piano or voice teachers who can perform and, in return, attract new pupils?

➔ Is there someone who makes jewelry?

➔ Perhaps you can find a gardening enthusiast who can share tips?

➔ What about forming a parenting group of young mothers (& fathers) who could meet

monthly and your children's librarian could perform a preschool storytime/craft program at the same time?

- ➔ Is there a chef from a local restaurant who could provide a food demo and tasting?

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# Calendar



- July 11—E. B. White’s Birthday
- July 12—National Pecan Pie Day
- July 16—National Strawberry Rhubarb Wine Day
- July 17—National Ice Cream Day
- July 20—National Lollipop Day
- July 21—CASTL, Geneva
- July 25—National Merry-Go-Round Day
- July 28—Beatrix Potter’s Birthday
- July 30—Norfolk Public Library Literature Festival, p. 13-14
- July 30—National Cheesecake Day
- July 31—J. K. Rowling’s Birthday
- July 31—National Mutt Day
- August 2—National Coloring Book Day
- August 18, CASTL, Stromsburg
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# Image of the Month



Hruska Memorial Library (David City) celebrated 20 years in its new building and 125 years of community service on Thursday, June 30! Also, from June 30 through July the library is hosting a special baseball display. Pictured is Randy “Batman” Lukasiewicz, winner of the Nebraska Baseball Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award.

# CASTL Wrap-Up

## Upcoming CASTL Meetings

July 21

Geneva Public Library  
"Weeding" with Denise Harders

August 18

Stromsburg Public Library  
"SRP: Lessons Learned"

September 16

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"

Our June CASTL meeting was held at Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City. The group was split into two and each was able to experience the Escape Room. While one group was in the escape room, Rasmus Thøgersen gave a presentation on the creation of the room.

Rasmus said that the basic materials (plastic boxes, hasps, and locks) can be bought at a low price at Walmart or Amazon. He suggested that it is good to start small with a project like this and scale it up if needed. It is not necessary to have a special room or space, as does Nebraska City. For Morton-James Public Library, this project was a great way of repurposing a storage room, creating community engagement, fostering psychological ownership among the teens and producing structured creativity among the 15-25 teens who participated on any given day.

He also noted that you need people who like puzzles and that if you incorporate technology, you must have staff who takes the time to learn it. Rasmus recommended [www.breakoutedu.com](http://www.breakoutedu.com) for ideas. He also said it is necessary to create thorough documentation, so that operation of your project is not dependent on just one staff member.

In the round robin, efforts to increase programming to combat decreasing circulation and attendance at some libraries were mentioned. Also, some libraries plan to downsize their number of computers or switch to laptops because of the increased use of smart phones. However, other libraries are experiencing continued high computer usage. Tracking traffic in libraries was mentioned, and the best ways for pursuing digitization were discussed, including what to do about local radio and news sources whose items only appear on the internet for a brief period of time. Scott announced that SELS will offer a first cycle of scholarships July 1 – December 31.

# 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>
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
October 24—November 4	Management and Supervision	September 16—October 14

# News Around the System

## Turn Yourself into a Talent Scout *(continued from page 1)*

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➔ Is there a square dancing or folk dancing club that could perform and teach a few steps?

Make your library a fun and interesting place to visit. The more unusual programs you present, the more interest you will develop. Be sure to create an attractive flyer and advertise, Advertise, ADVERTISE!! Don't forget to prepare book and material displays that coordinate with the themes of your programs.

Remember: A Displayed Book is a Circulated Book!

Keep records of your programs and attendance. Your statistics will speak loudly to those who help provide your funding.

*Information from 2015 ARSL conference session by Susie Randleman, Director, Art Circle Public Library, Crossville, TN.*

## Nail-Biting Bowling Challenge

*By Linda Dux*

It was a nail biting contest when the boys challenged the girls at the Fairbury Public Library Summer Reading Program teen bowling event Saturday morning June 25th. The girls won!!!



## Princess Party at Palmyra Memorial Library

*By Glenda Willnerd, Photo by Jackie Bremer*

It was a day for princesses at the Palmyra Memorial Library. Face painting, designing wands and tiaras, stories and special treats of cupcakes and chocolate dipped strawberries all contributed to a fun afternoon. Oh, and they also kissed a frog (on paper of course.)



# News Around the System

## Finishing Summer Reading on a High Note

By Terry Olson

Hebron Secret's On Your Mark, Get Set, Read! programs ended with a hop, skip and a jump with over 90 children and Junior Librarians attending the final sessions. The preschool session was filled with motion and commotion. The alligator paper bag puppets were a hit. The school aged session finished with a Throwback Thursday to the 50s with Elvis tunes and popular playground games.



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## Crete Public Library Enjoys Sporty and Informative Summer

*Courtesy of Laura Renker*

The photos below show yoga and the Crete ATA program, as well as soccer day when high school soccer players helped teach the participants some soccer basics. There is a picture of two students that were able to hold a baby kangaroo when Wildlife Encounters came to town. Finally, we also see a preschooler playing hopscotch.



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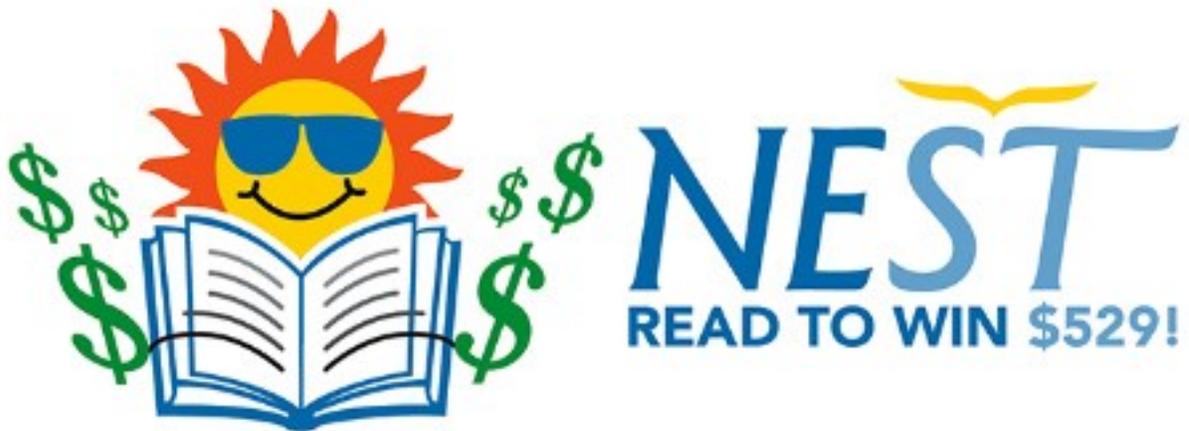
## Fun with Electricity at Central City Public Library

By Sara Lee, Photos by Judy Marco

Brandon Wright, science teacher at Central City High School, taught kids some basics of electricity that will be used to do five different 4-H projects. The kids had a great time learning all about what electricity is!



## There's Still Time Left! NEST College Savings Plan Scholarship Drawing!



Librarians want to help your Summer Reading Program patrons win money for college?

After they have completed your library's Summer Reading Program they will be eligible to win one of fifteen \$529 NEST College Savings Scholarships. Five will be awarded in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts. In addition the library of each winner will also win \$250!

For more information, see the Nebraska Library Commission's [webpage](#) or contact Sally Snyder at [sally.snyder@nebraska.gov](mailto:sally.snyder@nebraska.gov)

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## An Invitation from Pawnee City...



*You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating the fifth anniversary of the opening of Pawnee City Public Library's new building!*

*Friday, August 19, 2016*

*1:00 to 3:30 p.m.*

*Pawnee City Public Library*

*735 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Pawnee City NE*

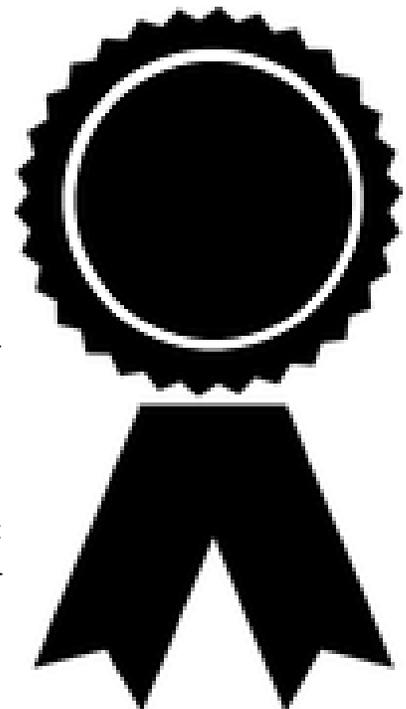
*RSVP [plibrary@gmail.com](mailto:plibrary@gmail.com) or 402-852-2118*

*PCPL Board and PCPL Foundation/Friends*

## Nominations Accepted Until August 15 for Literary/Literacy Awards

The Nebraska Center for the Book is accepting nominations to honor Nebraska's champions of literature and literacy. Awards will be presented at the Celebration of Nebraska Books on October 29. The **Jane Geske Award** is presented annually to a Nebraska **organization** for exceptional contribution to literacy, books, reading, libraries, or literature in Nebraska. It commemorates Geske's passion for books, and was established in recognition of her contributions to the well-being of the libraries of Nebraska. Jane Pope Geske was a founding member of the Nebraska Center for the Book, former director of the Nebraska Library Commission, and a long-time leader in Nebraska library and literary activities.

The **Mildred Bennett Award** recognizes an **individual** who has made a significant contribution to the fostering of the literary tradition in Nebraska. Its purpose is to remind us all of the literary and intellectual traditions that enrich our lives and mold our world. The award recognizes inspired leadership and service on behalf of Nebraska literature, highlighting how the recipient follows the example of Mildred Bennett, the charismatic founder and long-time president of the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation.

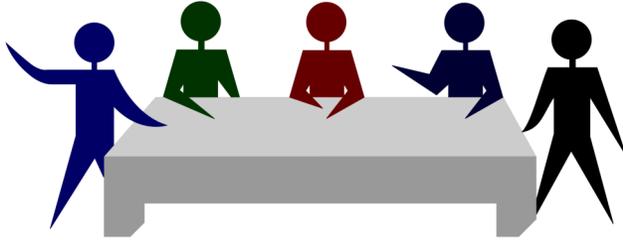


For more information see <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/awards.html>. Nomination forms are available at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/nominationforms.html> or contact Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission Director, [rod.wagner@nebraska.gov](mailto:rod.wagner@nebraska.gov), 402-471-4001, 800-307-2665.

# News Around the System

## SELS Board Members for July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017

*By Scott Childers*



Here are the Southeast Library System Board of Directors for this fiscal year, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017:

1. President: Anne Heimann (Bryan College of Health Services)
2. Vice President: Denise Lawver (Wahoo Public Library)
3. Secretary: Chris Haeffner (Lincoln Public Schools)
4. Debbie Aden (Fairbury Public Library)
5. Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library)
6. Jessica Breitreutz (Centennial Public School)
7. Susan Franklin (Clay Center)
8. Jen Jackson (Barnes & Noble, Lincoln)
9. Sarah Johnson (Geneva Public Library)
10. Sara Lee (Central City Public Library)
11. Emily Nimsakont (Schmid Law Library, UNL)
12. Lola Seitz (Pawnee City Public Library)
13. Heather St. Clair (Ashland Public Library)

## SELS Scholarships Available!

*By Scott Childers*

Want to attend the Joint Systems Youth Services Retreat, the NLA/NSLA Conference or some other educational opportunity but the money just isn't in your library's budget?

Looking to possibly pursue a certification or degree in library science?

You may be eligible for up to a \$200 scholarship that helps cover registration fees and/or travel expenses.

Go to <http://libraries.ne.gov/sels/scholarships/> to get more information and the application form!

Send in your application before July 31 for priority consideration!

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# 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

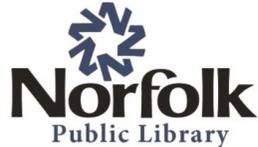
September 21, Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

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

<b>Thursday, Aug 25</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Services Retreat</b>	<b>Camp Carol Joy Holling</b>
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 11:00	<b>Libraries Serving Youth: Growing the Brain!</b> <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	<b>Book Clubs for Youth</b> <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	<b>Crowdsharing: “Booktalk” Your favorite websites and resources</b> <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	<b>Out of Box Programming Ideas for Teens.</b> <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	<b>Best Games for Programming</b> <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	

<b>Friday, Aug 26</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Services Retreat</b>	<b>Camp Carol Joy Holling</b>
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	
8:30--9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:50	<p><b>Tween Read-a-Louds</b>  <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><b>The Future of Virtual Reality for Youth Services</b>  <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><b>Green Screen Magic</b>  <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><b>Behind the Scenes with Bruce Arant</b>  <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>	



  
**Norfolk**  
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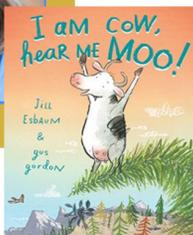
**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

**Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Northeast Community College**  
**Lifelong Learning Center**  
**801 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk, NE**

**Featuring:**



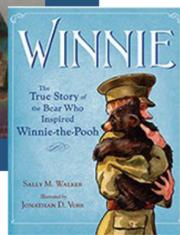
**Jill Esbaum**



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



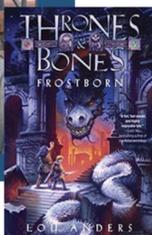
**Sally M. Walker**



**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!**

## 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us)

# Leading Through Times of Change

Join us at Seward  
Public Library at  
233 South 5th  
Street, Seward, NE

September 23rd  
2016

COST: \$10 PER  
PERSON

Register at:

[http://goo.gl/  
forms/BHxelhePUK](http://goo.gl/forms/BHxelhePUK)

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Chelsea at:

Email:  
trls.assistant@gmail.com

Or call at  
402.330.7884

## Schedule

9:30am—10:00am	Registration & Refreshments
10:00am—12:00pm	Management vs Leadership by Joyce Neujahr from University of Nebraska, Omaha
12:00pm—1:00pm	Catered Lunch
1:00pm—3:30pm	Strategies to Successfully Implement Change by Tina Walker from Mid-Plains Community College

## Session Descriptions

**Management vs Leadership** by Joyce Neujahr, Director of Patron Services: What is the difference between being a manager and a leader? We will focus on job duties, work styles, and common mistakes for both managers and leaders.

**Strategies to Successfully Implement Change** by Tina Walker, Area Director of Learning Resources and Sky Seery, NP LRC Supervisor, Mid-Plains Community College: Have you ever tried to implement change in your organization and have it fail miserably? Was it the implementation strategy, the staff, or just a really bad idea? This presentation will show you how you can successfully implement change through a thoroughly developed implementation plan, with tips on how to attain compliance. We will discuss promoting collaboration, change management, common mistakes, and converting people of opposition. We will also spend time dealing with personality tests and learning to work with people that don't think like you do. There will be time for scenario training and Q&A.

## System Spotlight

# Need Help With Accreditation?

Sometimes the accreditation process can be a daunting task. SELS is more than happy to help you along in this process! Whatever difficulty you may be having, call or email the SELS office to arrange a time to speak with



Scott, our executive director. (scott.childers.sels@gmail.com).

He will be happy to meet with you in person or to help you over the phone.

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<http://libraries.ne.gov/SELS/>

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