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A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Summer reading is winding up for our state's public libraries and academic librarians are heading towards a new and exciting school semester! School librarians are dusting off their school shoes and putting away their vacation sandals and our special librarians continue to perform feats of magic for their patrons. One thing we have in common, though, is NLA's fall conference!!!

I hope everyone has noticed that registration is open and you are making plans to attend. This year's conference committee has done a "bang-up" job pulling together an informative, fun and memorable conference.

I also have one more favor to ask! This year has flown by, and although I had hoped to visit every library in Nebraska

this year (I know, I know, what was I thinking? That there was 480 days in a year??), I know of very creative people in our profession. So, please, please, please... let me know what your library has been up to. Send me some great pictures of events or a success story. Send me the names of your staff that has performed a great service to a patron, or come up with that time saving procedure! We all do amazing things every day – I'd love to hear from all of you!

THANKS to all of you!
Gayle ☺

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See page 10 for conference flyer. Visit <http://nebraskalibraries.site-ym.com/?page=Nelib2015> to register.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- System News and Events
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- School Library Advocacy
- Upcoming Event Information
- Summer Highlights
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GETTING TO KNOW.....

Name: **Dr. Becky Pasco**

Library & position: **Coordinator: Library Science programs – University of Nebraska Omaha**

What cheers you up? **Being outside doing most anything, time with friends in small groups, seeing folks being kind to others**

If you could be any age for a week, what age would you be? **40 (young enough to play hard, old enough to be wiser about how and where I play)**

Who is a character from a TV show or a book that you've always resonated with? **I love Jack Reacher in Lee Child's books because he always does the right thing; I love Mary McDonnell in Major Crimes because she's so "smooth" under any and all situations.**

Favorite quotation about books or reading:

"Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers." Harry Truman



www.readaloudnebraska.org

NEWS FROM READ ALOUD NEBRASKA

Read Aloud Nebraska has important information to share with you!

- Applications are being accepted until November 1 to be a Read Aloud School or Community! Being a Read Aloud School or Community gives you the opportunity to request FREE books for children when we do distributions! Visit www.readaloudnebraska.org to apply!

- The fantastic Read Aloud Nebraska blankets pictured on our website are on clearance for \$14 (includes tax)! Help support reading aloud throughout our state by purchasing a blanket today! www.readaloudnebraska.org/sale.htm

- Mark your calendars for Friday, November 6! A Read Aloud Nebraska workshop featuring several Nebraska reading experts and others will take

place at the Seward Memorial Library. Watch for more information to come soon!

- Read Aloud Nebraska needs financial support in order to continue distributing free books to children in Read Aloud Schools and Communities, offering mini-grants, recognizing Read Aloud Champions, promoting and educating people across the state about the importance of reading aloud and more. If you are doing any fundraising locally, please consider giving part of your proceeds to Read Aloud Nebraska! Donations can also be made through PayPal via our website. www.readaloudnebraska.org/about.htm Read Aloud Nebraska is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible within extent of prevailing laws!

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS AS ADVOCATES: REFLECTIONS AFTER SYMPOSIUM ON EDUCATION

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In July, I had the privilege of attending Commissioner Matt Blomstedt's Symposium on Education in Nebraska. The focus of the symposium was digital learning at all levels of education. I was asked to serve on a discussion panel to comment on the influence of technology in my position as a school librarian. It was a tremendous opportunity to share what we do as librarians with professionals from other branches of education and business. As a school librarian, technology integration as a normal course of instruction is one of my goals as I assist students with research, ethical use of information, and creating knowledge through a variety of avenues involving technology.

Throughout the symposium, it became clear that there are no easy answers with regard to the use of technology, access, and instruction. However, I was inspired by the experiences and conversations during the day to continue to advocate for the library profession as it increasingly functions as the bridge between groups of educators, stakeholders, and policy makers. As librarians, we are not the keepers of information, but the curators of a vast ocean of content and ideas. We have the ability to partner with groups within our organizations, as well as those outside. Very often, we may be the link between

groups and organizations who would not otherwise find each other. All of these connections ultimately benefit those we serve.

Through these connections, we are also able to share ideas, connect our libraries, and model digital citizenship, particularly in social media. Ownership and use of digital devices far exceeds many users' ability to function ethically and constructively in the digital environment. As librarians, we have the unique opportunity to support those we serve not only in finding resources, but in learning how to use those resources. These individuals include not only our direct patrons, but their families and our greater communities. Promoting our profession and our libraries through social media, organization branding, and discussions such as Midwest Librarian Chat (#mwlibchat), allow us to model the use of technology in a unique and powerful way.

In short, I left the symposium with perhaps more questions than answers; however, I found a renewed purpose for the passion I have for sharing ideas, collaboration, resources, and technology with those I serve each and every day.



New School Library Advocacy Website and Blog

Dr. Christie Kaaland (WA), Deb Levitov (NE), and Deb Kachel (PA), three experienced librarians, have worked together to create the new website and blog School Library Advocacy to help school librarians connect, provide news and legislative information relevant to school libraries, and build

advocacy skills.

The site's homepage provides a mission statement and letter to website visitors. You can find videos, articles, resources for all stakeholders, related websites, and more.

Though school library programs are essential to the overall success of students,

they can often be taken for granted and given minimal support. Visit www.schoollibraryadvocacy.org/ to explore this new resource and learn about advocating for school libraries.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Albion Public Library has hired two new employees. Staci Wright is the new Assistant Librarian. Beth Kratochvil is a new Library Aide.

On July 13, Becky Sims joined the staff of Sump Memorial Library in Papillion as Director. She was previously the Director of the Thomas S. Power Library at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue for 16 years, and also worked at the U.S. Bureau of the Census as their Library's Public Services Manager and at Lexis-Nexis as a solo librarian. She intends to continue Sump Library's current services and programs, but through the new Assistant Director and Community Engagement Coordinator, Matt Kovar, the library will build services to community organizations and businesses.

KANEKO
OPEN SPACE FOR YOUR MIND
1111 Jones Street,
Omaha, NE 68102



Join us for our first-ever FREE conference devoted to helping communities locate and strategize methods to provide better access to information, generate ideas about what libraries are and how knowledge can be shared within a community to improve the lives of its citizens.

This conference is for librarians, educators, business leaders, healthcare providers, activists, city planners – anyone who wants to build resources in their community!



Visit library.unomaha.edu/kaneko/?page_id=1514 for more information and the event's full schedule



SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND TRLS!



Bloomfield Public Library helped celebrate the town's Q125 with a clown show!



Wayne Public Library celebrated Wayne Chicken Days Henoween with 50+ kids at the library making chicken lanterns.



John Laskowski from Bizarre Deceptions performed for a packed house of 200+ people at one of our June Family Fun programs.



Pilger Public Library's readers helped construct a Lego super hero tower that grew by the number of books they checked out.

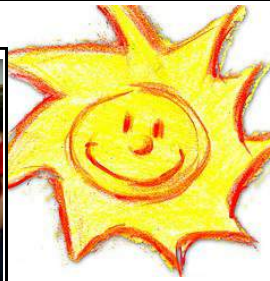


At the Valley Public Library, Michael Fitzsimmons led a Drums of the World Workshop, sponsored by the Library Foundation.



Kids with the Newman Grove Public Library SRP learned about every day super heroes at the local doctor's office.

Lied Pierce Public Library Summer readers made their own super hero shields.



Randolph Public Library SRP participants completed super hero training.



Jamie Bachmann, Outdoor Educator with NE Game and Parks, visited Stanton Public Library.



Kids at the Dakota City Library learned about animal heroes during an SRP event.



Retired Eastern Library System Director Kathy Tooker and Retired Waterloo Public Library Director Linda Oyster helped with registration at Waterloo's Pizza Party in July.

Calendar of Events

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

C.E. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY NOW AVAILABLE

Have your heart set on attending that rad workshop this year? Planning a trip to a national or regional conference? Three Rivers Library System is now offering scholarships to attend continuing education events! This opportunity allows librarians and other library staff to offset the cost of attending workshops and conferences. Scholarship awards will be determined on an individual basis and on the amount of funding available per year. Applications will be accepted year round. To view and print a scholarship application form visit <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/event-registration/>

UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

See pages 7-9 for information for upcoming events' flyers and registration forms. And check out TRLS's new Event Registration page to access PDF and online registration forms. <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/event-registration/>

Upcoming Basic Skills course and registration dates

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration
8/24 - 9/4	Library Policy	7/17 - 8/14
9/14 - 9/25	Programming & Outreach	8/7 - 9/4
9/28 - 10/9	The Community and the Library*	8/21 - 9/18
10/19 - 10/30	Management and Supervision	9/11 - 10/9

* Required class

- Youth Services Retreat
Ashland, NE
September 3-4
- Information Exchange
Kaneko-UNO
September 25
- Fall Library Workshop
Norfolk, NE
September 30
- Database Roadshows
Aug. 20 Lincoln
Aug. 26 Atkinson
Aug. 27 Lexington
Sept. 2 La Vista
Sept. 10 Schuyler
Sept. 15 Norfolk
Sept. 22 Alliance

Joint Youth Services Retreat

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

September 3-4, 2015

Thursday—registration at 8:30am, sessions from 9:00am-4:30pm

First aid for youth, Coding for non-coders, Fresh programming ideas, Book clubs for teens, and more!

Friday—registration at 8:30am, sessions from 9:00am-2:30pm

Building relationships that support growth & development with children, Leading to reading programs, and How to get free money for youth programming

- Wonderful food and a relaxing atmosphere
- 10 hours of CE credit available



Photo by Nancy Clark via Flickr.

Name: _____

Library: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Roommate: _____

(or we can match you up)

Please check one:

Thursday only, \$50 (includes lunch)

Friday only, \$45 (includes lunch)

Both days with overnight, double occupancy \$125 (includes all meals)

Both days with overnight, single occupancy \$155 (includes all meals)

Mail, email, or fax your registration by August 28th. Please make checks payable to SELS. Payment can be made before or after the retreat, or at the event itself.

Southeast Library System, 5730 R St. Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505

Email: selsne@gmail.com Fax: 844-270-7004

Three Rivers Library System and NNNC Educational Service Units Present

Fall Library Workshop 2015

re*IN*VE*NT*ing **your library**

September 30, 2015

Lifelong Learning Center, 800 E. Benjamin, Norfolk

\$20 registration fee—6 CE Credits for Public Librarians

Visit <https://goo.gl/oNpMYR>
to submit a proposal form.
Workshop proposals will be
accepted until August 28.

#TRLS_NNNC

Schedule

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:15 Opening Session

9:25-10:15 Breakout Session 1

10:25-11:15 Breakout Session 2

11:30-12:15 Keynote Presentation

12:15-12:45 Lunch

(vegetarian option available upon request contact maschoff@esu8.org)

12:45-1:30 Keynote Presentation

1:45-2:35 Breakout Session 3

Registration

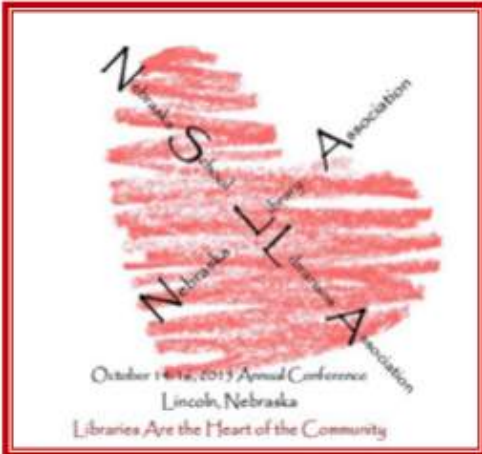
All K-12 school librarians, please register with ESU 1 at www.esu1.org

Your school will be invoiced following the workshop.

All others please register with TRLS online at libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/event-registration/

Please make checks payable to Three Rivers Library System and submit payment to the TRLS Office.

Registration must be received by September 21, 2015.



Plan NOW to attend the

NLA/NSLA Annual Conference

October 14-16, 2015

Cornhusker Hotel and Conference Center

Lincoln, Nebraska

"Libraries Are the Heart of the Community"

In these times of budget cuts and staff reductions, we need the support and inspiration that the NLA/NSLA Conference offers more than ever!

Featuring:

Preconference Sessions

Learn to be a MarcEdit Ninja: Automating Technical Services

Love among the Libraries: A Day on the UNL Campus Exploring the Special Libraries

Augmented Reality in the LibRARY

Reaching Teens through Graphic Novels

Keynote Speakers

Thursday - [Terri Grief, AASL Past President](#)

Friday - [Sari Feldman, ALA President](#)

PLUS

*Humanities Nebraska Featured Speakers ** Mad Hatter Awards **

*Your favorite exhibitors ** Zydeco Music by the Prairie Gators

Golden Sowers **Lots of exciting sessions ** Networking opportunities

*NE Innovation Campus ** Trivia Night ** MakerSpaces*

and much, much more!!

Register NOW at <http://nebraskalibraries.site-ym.com/?page=NebLib2015>

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