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Serving Burt, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington Counties

From the Director

by Gail Formanack

Over the last years, state and federal budget cuts have resulted in flat or diminished funding for the regional systems. Although systems are independent non-profit associations, all six of the organizations depend heavily on dollars from the Nebraska Library Commission which are awarded through contracts to provide service to libraries in the assigned territory.

In 2013 the Nebraska Unicameral failed to provide the additional funds that were requested to support the work of the systems, so a task force was formed last fall to develop recommendations for reorganization of the regional systems. The nine-member task force was appointed by NLC Director Rod Wagner and included representatives from each of the six systems as well as three members from the State Advisory Council on Libraries. ELS board member Francine Canfield, a member of the State Advisory Council, and I were appointed to the task force.

During the course of our four meetings, we considered a variety of relevant information and concluded our work by forwarding two proposals to the governor-appointed Library Commissioners. One proposal reduces the current number of systems to five, and the other reduces it to four. Initial discussions were held at the March meeting of the commissioners, and a decision is expected when the commissioners meet again on May 16.

What would these changes mean for our region? The territories of all regions would grow substantially. A preliminary report containing maps is available at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/systems>.

In the five system proposal, Cuming and Burt counties would be moved to a more northern region and the territory would expand largely westward by picking up Colfax, Butler, Platte, Polk, Boone, Nance, Merrick, Greeley, Howard, Valley, Sherman, and Cass counties.

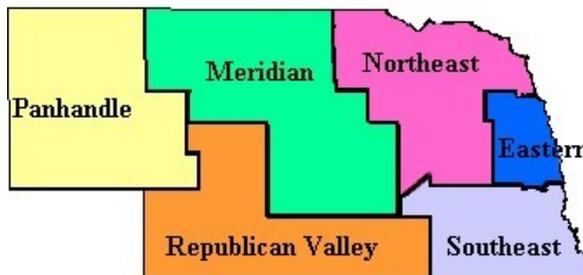
In the four-system plan, the region would lose Saunders County and largely grow to the north by adding Colfax, Thurston, Dakota, Dixon, Wayne, Cedar, Knox, Antelope, Pierce, Stanton, Madison, Boone, Nance, Cass, and Platte counties.

The Nebraska Library Commission staff hosted a webinar on April 22nd in which it laid out the two proposals and invited participants to ask questions or to comment. The webinar is archived at the same website mentioned above.

After the decision is made, much work remains to be done as there will be significant changes to board representation and the legal documents of incorporation before the work of the newly reorganized systems can begin. As of the time of this writing, it is expected that the current structure and staffing will remain in place through 2014. Until clear timelines and reorganization protocols are announced, the current members of the ELS board will remain in place to oversee the transition.

It is inevitable that people will worry that the level of support for libraries will suffer. Discussions have already started regarding new models of providing service and strengthening collaborative relationships among the remaining systems and the NLC which should help prevent erosion of services.

We will make every effort to keep our member libraries informed as we work through the change process. In the meantime, we will continue to provide quality professional development opportunities as well as consulting services. Do not hesitate to contact our office if you have questions or need assistance.



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Upcoming Events

May 9th - DIRECT Meeting (Public Library Directors), 9:30 am—Tekamah Public Library

May 12th to 23rd - Basic Skills Course: Customer Service. Register by May 2 at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/>

May 23rd - ELS Board Special Meeting, 9:30 am—ELS Office

May 26th - Memorial Day — Office Closed

June 2nd to 13th - Basic Skills Course: Reference. Register by May 23 at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/>

June 6th - ELS Annual Meeting, 9am —Westside Community Conference Center. See Flyer on page 10.

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June 16th to 27th - Basic Skills Course: Management and Supervision. Register by June 6 at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/>

July 4th - Independence Day — Office Closed

July 7th to 18th - Basic Skills Course: Intellectual Freedom and Core Values of Librarianship. Register by June 27 at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/>

July 17th - Nebraska Library Leadership Institute Reunion—University of Nebraska-Lincoln

July 21st to Aug 1st - Basic Skills Course: Communication. Register by July 11 at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/>

July 25th - Norfolk Public Library's 20th Annual Literature Festival- Norfolk

Aug 8th to 19th - Basic Skills Course: The Community and the Library. Register by Sept 29 at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/>

Sept 4th-5th - 20th Annual SELS/ELS Youth Services Retreat, Camp Carol Joy Holling – Ashland

Oct 8th-10th - NLA/NSLA Fall Conference—Marina Inn Hotel & Conference Center, South Sioux City

Summer Reading Programs

As schools wind down the school year in May, public libraries ramp up their planning for summer reading programs which encourage children to continue to read for pleasure while away from the school environment.

A number of ELS children's librarians met recently to share ideas and strategies. This year's theme Fizz, Boom, Read supports a science theme.

Check the ELS website for a copy of Mary Matuszewski's (from Sump in Papillion) wonderful science activities and learn what is planned by some of our member libraries. <http://www.elsne.org/summer-reading-ideas/#comments>

Feel free to share your own plans by posting a comment. If you have special events planned, please invite ELS staff to attend or share pictures and stories of your event for our next newsletter.

Snyder Public Library



National Library Week began with a grand celebration as approximately 30 people attended the grand re-opening of the Snyder Public Library on Sunday, April 13th.

The event was accompanied by a signing of the "Declaration for Libraries." After the hiring of new librarian Shelley Nelson, the library was closed for several weeks while she and library board volunteers did a complete inventory, weeding, and reorganization of the collection and she created a library website. New signage, furniture, and displays greeted the patrons as they entered the library following the ceremony.

School Library Retirements

Omaha Public Schools announced the retirement of the following librarians: Ann Huxtable-Scates (Gilder), Mary Ann Phipps (Druid Hill), Greta Rohrberg (Jackson), Michael Schawang (Adams), Ellen Shultz (Boyd), and Kathy Weberg (Sherman). Donna Wenzel is retiring from La Vista Junior High.

System News

Valley Public Library



Valley Public Library hosted a reception honoring their volunteers during National Library Week. They also kicked off their *Geek the Library* marketing campaign at the event. Pictured is librarian Claire Bushong with a group of library volunteers.

ELS Policy Workshop



Bonnie McKewon, a consultant working with the Iowa State Library, presented a workshop entitled *Policies for Results* on April 9th. Participants learned that a policy should have four components: philosophy, regulations, procedures, and guidelines. They also examined examples of good and bad policy statements and practiced writing a new policy. The workshop was held at the Agnes Robinson Memorial Library in Waterloo.

Another Valuable Library Partnership in La Vista

Patrons have noticed a new intern in the La Vista Public Library since February 10th. His name is Jeremy and he is a member of the Project SEARCH Program that is hosted by La Vista's Embassy Suites in conjunction with the Papillion-La Vista School District. Project SEARCH is a high school transition program that provides training and education intended to lead to employment for individuals with disabilities aged 18-21. The Embassy Suites La Vista Project SEARCH is in its 2nd year and Director Rose Barcal has served on their Business Advisory Council during both years.



The cornerstone of Project SEARCH is total immersion in a large business. Each student participates in three 10-week internships during the school year. For five days a week, students report to Embassy Suites and Courtyard by Marriott. Staff, Project SEARCH instructors, and job coaches work together to support the students in learning employability skills in the classroom and job specific skills in several areas of the hotel, conference center and, for Jeremy, at the La Vista Public Library.

Jeremy is interning Monday through Friday from 8a.m. to 1p.m. until his graduation from the Project SEARCH program in May. He has been straightening shelves and accomplishing all aspects of processing library materials and finding inconsistencies in our catalog as well. His favorite processing tool? The typewriter!

The program provides real-life work experience combined with training in employability and independent living skills to help young adults with disabilities make successful transitions from school to productive adult life. For more information concerning Project SEARCH or to access an intern or to visit the Embassy Suites job site, contact Rose Barcal.

System News

Yutan Public Library

Yutan Public Library had an open house on April 11th to introduce the 71 books received from the Libri Foundation and its "Books for Children" program. The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new hardcover children's books to rural libraries they could not otherwise afford to buy. This grant was made possible through the matching of funds from Yutan Sons of American Legion Squadron 262 and First State Bank Nebraska. These organizations donated \$350 which was then matched by the Libri Foundation on a two-to-one ratio.



The library in Yutan has been closed for almost six weeks while librarian Angie Watson and volunteers moved into a renovated city facility which provides much additional space for library materials, services and programs. A grand re-opening is planned for the near future.

Jamie LaRue Visits ELS

Forty people attended the spring colloquium at the La Vista Conference Center on April 28th where they enjoyed dinner and conversation prior to hearing from Jamie LaRue, former director of the Douglas County Libraries headquartered in Castle Rock, Colorado. He talked about the importance of recruiting and hiring talented staff because they are the face and reputation of the library. After bringing new staff on board, he discussed his successful strategies for bringing them onboard, growing their talents, and having honest conversations with staff if redirection is needed.



The following day, another group of librarians at La Vista Public Library heard Jamie discuss the proliferation of e-publishing and his cutting edge strategies that changed collection development at Douglas County Libraries. His technology staff developed their own content server and began to purchase titles directly from smaller publishers and authors. This is in contrast to the licensing of content by subscription from providers such as OverDrive. They developed a system of acquisition editors and reviewers for self-published works. They also began to publish unique local content under Creative Commons licensing. He said libraries must rethink collection development and management or we'll be squeezed out of the business. LaRue suggested the model developed at Douglas County Libraries could be replicated by consortia on a regional or statewide basis.

School Librarian Training Day at UNO

Almost 70 school librarians participated in the annual School Librarian Training Day event held at UNO on March 29th. School librarians from around the area came together to hear from their colleagues about new technologies and teaching strategies and to share great book titles. The event was co-sponsored by the Eastern Library System, University of Nebraska-Omaha's library science program and the Nebraska School Librarians Association.



La Vista Public Library



Young children greatly enjoy the monthly “Parachute Playtime” activity at the La Vista Public Library.

Keene Memorial Library, Fremont

Keene Memorial Library hosted a visit by the author of the 2014 Dilys Award given annually by the Independent Mystery Booksellers Association to the Mystery Title of the Year. William Kent Krueger, author of *Ordinary Grace*, spoke at the library on April 26th.

Norfolk Public Library Annual Literature Festival

Vicki Myron, S.A. Bodeen, Sheila Turnage, and Kelly DiPucchio are the featured authors at the Norfolk Public Library’s annual literature festival scheduled for July 26th at Northeast Community College in Norfolk. 5 CE hours are available for those who attend all day.

Tickets are \$40 (including lunch) and are available for advance purchase by contacting Karen Drevo at NPL by phone (402 844-2108) or e-mail kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

ELS Annual Meeting

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Library System will be held on Friday, June 6th at Westside Community Center in Omaha. Registration and refreshments will be available at 8:30 with educational sessions beginning at 9:00. The business meeting will take place during the luncheon, and attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the activities of the system and discuss the plan for system reorganization.

Librarians, board members, and others are invited to participate in the continuing education sessions offered. New this year will be a program track geared to meet the needs of school librarians. Leslie Maniotes, author and instructional coach at Denver Public Schools, will provide a three hour session in the morning on Guided Inquiry Design. Kristina Peters, e-Learning specialist at the Nebraska Dept. of Education will also present. Other presenters include Theresa Jehlik (Omaha Public Library), Joyce Neujahr, Sarah Letheby, Nora Hillyer, Danielle Shultz (UNO’s Criss Library), Francine Canfield (Baright Library – Ralston), Gayle Roberts (Blair Public Library), Richard Miller, Emily Nimsakont (Nebraska Library Commission).

See page 10 for more information and registration form.



Capturing Memories With Help From the Library

Thanks to an Eastern Library System grant we received last June, Sump Memorial Library has held three video creation workshops, one for Nebraska librarians and two for library patrons. The library has also been able to offer video camera bags for our patrons that include, not only the cameras, but also tripods, connecting cables, and other accessories.

Library patrons have been excited to see a new service offered at the library and appreciative of the training sessions. Additional training will be available on a one-on-one basis as we continue this service, and future collaborations with the local downtown business association are being planned.



In addition to the digital editing instruction, the element of this new service we have seen utilized most often has been the tripods and accessories. Even if patrons are able to afford a digital camera, few seem to purchase the additional equipment that is helpful in quality video creation.

Individuals ages 15 to 65 have taken advantage of this new service and training. For teens, the spider tripods that can hook onto a variety of surfaces, even vertical poles, are the most popular, allowing teens to capture action sequences like skateboard tricks in any environment.

For some older adults, the extra training and video cameras around the holiday season allowed them to capture treasured family memories, and they are incredibly grateful for the library's assistance. Thank you again to ELS for allowing us to offer a new service to patrons of all ages.

The program developed from our grant and initial Nebraska library staff training with Royce Kitts is now being expanded and will be a pre-conference at ALA 2014 in Las Vegas.

Reports from PLA Conference

Mary Jo Mack -- 2014 PLA National Conference was held in Indianapolis. For me it was a fantastic experience of informative sessions, frequent trips to the vendors and networking with other librarians from the US and Canada.

One session I especially liked was called "Does This Display Make Me Look Fat" presented by Kathy Dempsey. Ms. Dempsey's powerpoint display included pictures from libraries that had exceptional or unusual displays. Not all of the displays were pricey but they did include imagination.

Effective merchandising of materials will most definitely raise circulation. Dempsey says that "change is a process, not a destination. Remember to stay flexible." She advises getting the whole staff involved at the beginning of a change of merchandising and to implement changes a little at a time.

At several different sessions presenters quoted Paco Underhill author of a book called "Why We Buy." Although not a new book, this author talks about the science of shopping and apparently many librarians have successfully applied his techniques in libraries.

A couple of other sessions I found helpful are: ABC— Always be Circulating, Let's Discuss Book Discussions and Local Tourism: Ghosts, Graveyards and QR Codes. Our library foundation has been toying with the idea of hosting a ghost tour as a foundation fundraiser so this session gave us LOTS of ideas.

The Eastern Library System and Board granted me a scholarship to help defray expenses to attend this conference. I encourage everyone to attend a conference on a National level and to apply for continuing education grants from a variety of funding sources to help defray conference expenses. Conferences can excite, inform, enlighten and motivate. I find that I return from a conference with renewed enthusiasm and energy.

Thank you Eastern Library System and Board.

Andrew "Sherm" Sherman - My favorite sessions at PLA 2014 were the Big Thinker sessions that opened the conference every day. The best one was when author Simon Sinek spoke about hormones that deliver reward or punishment to a person and can impact and be impacted by your work environment

Endorphins reward us for exercising, and dopamine rewards us for accomplishing goals. Both are quick-hit hormones based on individual behavior and can become addictive and drive short-term results leading to negative long-term results. Sinek used making the quarterly numbers at the expense of long-term growth and success as an example. A lot of addictions are due to a person seeking the release of these hormones.

Cortisol is the fight-or-flight hormone created as a result of stress and anxiety. It supposed to only be short-term and causes body's "non-essential" systems (like the immune system) to shut down. Untrustworthy leaders and hostile work environments will cause it to flow daily. Literally, a bad job will make you sick.

Serotonin is created as a result of a feeling like you're a contributing, meaningful part of the tribe or team. Oxytocin is a result of doing for others and others doing for you without expecting something in return. These hormones build up over time promoting long-term happiness and success.

Sinek's point was that you need to be, or work for, a trustworthy leader who seeks long-term success to create an environment that is a continual loop of happiness and success for all.



Golden Sower Award 2014 Winners

According to Kathy Schultz, chair of NLA's SCYP Golden Sower award committee, a record 75,545 votes were recorded for the award. The committee sends a big THANK YOU to all the librarians who provided copies of the books and promoted participation.

The award winners are:

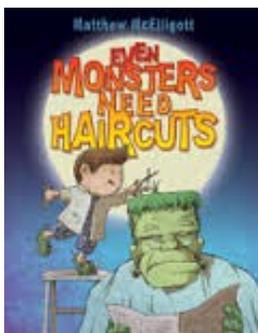
Primary Winner–

Even Monsters Need Haircuts

by Matthew McElligott

Honor:

Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein
Mitchell's License by Hallie Durand,
illus. Tony Fucile



Intermediate Winner–

Wonder

by R. J. Palacio

Honor:

The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann
The Candymakers by Wendy Mass



Young Adult Winner –

Legend

by Marie Lu

Honor:

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25
by Richard Paul Evans



Library Foundations Invited to Participate in Discussion List

Library Foundation staff, board members, volunteers, etc. are invited to participate in the United for Libraries electronic discussion group focused on topics of interest to library Foundations. To join the electronic discussion group, visit <http://www.ala.org/united/electronic-discussion-group-foundations>. Both those with expertise in library Foundations as well as those in the beginning stages of creating a Foundation are encouraged to participate in the free form discussion. Discussion topics might include fundraising, event planning, capital campaigns, planned giving, effective meetings, board recruitment, etc.

Third Pew Study on Libraries

The Pew Research Center recently released the third of a series of studies on public libraries in the U.S. This one, entitled, *From Distant Admirers to Library Lovers – and beyond*, describes nine groups of Americans that are characterized by their patterns of public library use – from “library lovers” (about 10% of the population), to “off the grid” (4%). For additional information go to: <http://www.pewinternet.org/>

Librarians Encouraged to Help College-Bound Students Access Financial Aid Toolkit

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid recently launched a new website called the [Financial Aid Toolkit](#): A One-Stop Shop for Financial Aid Resources

The toolkit is for librarians, staff, or volunteers at community-based organizations, guidance counselors, college access advisers, or anyone who assists students through the process of learning about, receiving, and repaying financial aid for their higher education

The toolkit consolidates financial aid resources into a searchable online library, making it easy for users to quickly access the information they need to support their students. The searchable library provides resources covering the entire financial aid lifecycle from applying for financial aid to repaying loans and includes items such as “Financial aid night” materials and presentations, brochures, and videos. Students should visit StudentAid.gov for financial aid information and can find a library of resources designed for them at StudentAid.gov/resources.

You can share information about the site by distributing the [Financial Aid Toolkit fact sheet](#).



PLA Conference Scholarships (Continued from page 6)

Amy Wenzl - Thank you to the Eastern Library System for their financial assistance which allowed me to attend the 2014 PLA Conference in Indianapolis. This was my first national conference, and it was thrilling to be among so many public librarians who are facing many of the same challenges and exciting opportunities that we are in Southeast Nebraska.

One of my favorite sessions was the Simon Sinek big ideas session "Why Leaders Eat Last" in which he explores the biological and psychological dynamics that result in leadership and how we, as human beings, are designed to function within hierarchies (and that's not a bad thing!).

His idea that when employees come first, customers are well taken care of is just one of the many ideas I will take with me throughout my future career, and I would encourage everyone to watch the YouTube video of this talk. I can guarantee everyone who watches will come away with their perceptions of leadership altered.

In addition to taking advantage of the numerous networking opportunities this conference provided, I walked away with new ideas on how to serve traditionally underserved library populations including those living with Alzheimer's or dementia and echo boomers. I met library staff from North America, not just the U.S., and we shared our experiences with community engagement, library programming, and the politics of funding.

Finally, this conference allowed me to come back to work excited and reenergized, ready to advocate for my library and my patrons. Thank you again to the Eastern Library System and the Continuing Education Committee for this wonderful opportunity.

Scholarships for you

All Eastern Nebraska librarians can still apply for continuing education scholarships from ELS. These scholarships will help pay for your travel and registration expenses.

An application is included on page 11 of this newsletter.

Grants Available for Small Town Libraries

From the Nebraska Community Foundation:

Eight public libraries received a helping hand recently, thanks to the generosity of a lifelong educator, the late Shirley Kreutz Bennett of Lincoln. Each year Nebraska Community Foundation's Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund accepts proposals for matching grants for public libraries in communities with populations of fewer than 3,000.

This year, five of the grants went to libraries in NCF affiliated fund communities: Butler County, Deshler, Elgin, Exeter and Red Cloud. Grants are available in three areas:

- Planning grants leading to accreditation;
- Enhancement grants to improve library services;
- Facilities grants for new construction or the renovation, restoration or rehabilitation of current libraries.

If your community is under 3,000, talk to your library representatives about applying for a project or program grant.

The guidelines and short application form are on NCF's website at <http://www.necommfound.org/fund/kreutzbennett>.

Wells Fargo Grant Opportunities

Wells Fargo provides funding for **Programs** (not capital campaigns) in three general areas:

Community Development

- Provide job training and workforce development
- Revitalize and stabilize communities

Education

- Promote academic achievement for low- and moderate-income students
- Provide training for teachers and administrators who work with low- and moderate-income students
- Encourage school partnerships with parents and guardians, the local community, and the business community

Human Services

- Give access to community services and education
- Assist children and families

Per their website, "Wells Fargo also considers requests from organizations that help enhance a community's quality of life through arts and culture or civic projects "

For details, see https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/ne_guidelines

Eastern Library System Board Meeting
April 11, 2014 – 9:30 am
Oakland Public Library – 110 E. 3rd Street

MINUTES

1. Attendees: Joyce Neujahr, Scott Berryman, Tammy Lorenz, Francine Canfield, Nora Hillyer, David Privett, Marcia Jessel, Mary Jo Mack, Anneka Ramirez, Laura England-Biggs, Richard Miller, Rosa Schmidt. Ex-officio: Gail Formanack, Brian Maass.
2. Recognition of Guests: Richard Miller presented his report on activities at NLC.
3. Approval of minutes of the February 14, 2014, meeting: motion to approve by Scott Berryman; second Tammy Lorenz.
4. Treasurer's reports for February, 2014 and March, 2014: filed for audit.
5. Correspondence: one letter received from Rod Wagner sending \$1,200 from the NLC to be used for technology or continuing education; it will be used for continuing education.
6. Executive Director's Report: Gail presented her report on activities at different libraries in the system.
7. Committee Reports
 - A. Fundraising: no report
 - B. Continuing Education: One scholarship request from Robin Clark to attend ALA in June/July 2014; the Continuing Education committee agreed to grant the request.
 - C. Advocacy: no report
 - D. Nominating: no report
8. Old Business
 - A. Appoint board member to spot check financial records: David Privett was asked and accepted the request.
 - B. Report on decision-making process for Systems Reorganization: There are 2 proposals on the table: one to divide the systems into 5 areas; one to divide the systems into 4 areas. There is a meeting/webinar on April 22nd for more discussion by anyone interested in this reorganization. The final decision will be made May 16th by the library commissioners.
9. New Business
 - A. Postponement of election of new board members. (Bylaws state that new board members are to be announced at annual meeting). After discussion there was a motion put forth by Laura England-Biggs; the first was rescinded; the second one was carried. The first rescinded motion: Motion to suspend the election of officers for six months due to the anticipated reorganization.
The second motion: Motion to suspend the rules regarding the election of new board members through 3/31/2015 pending results of the new system reorganization. Motion from Laura England-Biggs; second from Mary Jo Mack; passed by the group.
 - B. Annual meeting: June 6, 2014 at Omaha Westside Community Center, 108th and Center; a tentative program was introduced by Gail.
 - C. Possible need for special board meeting prior to annual meeting: After a discussion, it was decided to have a special meeting regarding the decision made about the system reorganization. It will be Friday, May 23, 2014 at the Eastern Library offices; 11929 Elm St., Omaha, NE.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora Hillyer, secretary

ELS Annual Meeting 2014



Eastern Library System

Building Nebraska Librarians -
The Foundation of Nebraska Libraries

Date: Friday, June 6, 2014

Location: Westside Community Center
3534 S. 108th Street, Omaha, NE 68144



Program begins at 9:00 am. Annual Meeting of the Eastern Library System will be held during lunch at 12:30pm

Continuing Education Opportunities:

Building Community Engagement

E I, E I, Oh! Emotional Intelligence Leads to Exceptional Interactions

Cataloging Lite: RDA Changes

Building Your Brand With Social Media

Getting to a New Building...from Fundraising to Monitoring Construction and Maintenance

Mixing the New With the Old: Marketing Reference Services

What is Safe and Ethical Online? Resources for Students and Parents

New This Year:

School Librarian track featuring
Guided Inquiry Design
with
Leslie Maniotes
Author and Instructional Coach-
Denver Public Schools

Cost: \$30

Includes Lunch and 5 CE Credits

Questions?

Contact ELS at 402-330-7884 or
bmaass@windstream.net

Eastern Library System Annual Meeting - June 6, 2014 - 9am

Name: _____

Library: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make payment to:

Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 18
Omaha NE 68144

Please register by May 31, 2014

**EASTERN LIBRARY SYSTEM
APPLICATION FOR
CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Name _____

Library _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Library position held _____

Program you wish to attend (include date, location, sponsor):

Approximate total cost of event \$ _____

Briefly explain how this program will benefit either you or your library:
(attach a separate sheet, NOT hand-written)

I understand that I will be notified of acceptance or denial before the event and that scholarship monies will be awarded following my attendance at the continuing education event. I understand I must submit a short article about the event within two months for publication in the ELS newsletter.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Return completed form at least three weeks before the event to:

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Fax: 402-330-1859
Phone: 402-330-7884

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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?



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Dan O'Brien | Photo courtesy of author

June 10-13, 2014 | Chadron, NE

Join 2014 Writer-In-Residence **Dan O'Brien** and five other published authors on the campus of **Chadron State College** in the beautiful Pine Ridge of northwest Nebraska. The *New York Times* describes O'Brien "as a writer with a keen and poetic eye," Dan O'Brien is one of the most powerful literary voices on the Plains, author of numerous novels and memoirs, including *Buffalo for the Broken Heart* and *The Contract Surgeon*, winners of the Western Heritage Award for best non-fiction in 2001 and for best fiction in 1999, respectively. He is also a falconer, a wildlife biologist and rancher. Come learn from the best.

Join authors **Todd Mitchell, Dawn Wink, Shannon Baker, Rich Kenney and Ron Hull** for these intensive workshops, critiques and a chance to read your work. Sessions begin each day at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center on the CSC Campus.

The Story Catcher Workshop takes its inspiration from Mari Sandoz (1896-1966) who grew up on a homestead in the area and wrote about the land, the people and the times. The *Story Catcher* was her last published novel. **General Registration is \$150 .**

More information at storycatcherworkshop.org