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# Eastern Express

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## Definition of "EXIT" -

1. Means of leaving a place - door, etc.
2. Departure - act of leaving
3. Place for leaving an expressway - a ramp
4. Death - departure from life
5. Termination of a computer operation
6. Actor's leaving of a stage

**Kathy and Nancy are  
Exiting ELS - but none of the  
above definitions apply - we  
are RETIRING!**

## from Kathy

Since I am retiring at the end of the year, I have been putting off writing this column. How do I begin to express my thanks to so many wonderful librarians, so many wonderful friends?

When I walked in the door of the ELS office almost 22 years ago, I had no intention of spending the rest of my library career here —maybe four or five years and then move on, but I found I loved the job, the people, and the opportunity to make a difference.

Within a day or two of arriving, I received a warm, hand-written note from Dr. Verne Haselwood who was then in charge of the library science program at UNO. Thank you, Verne, that did a lot for my self-confidence and taught me a valuable lesson about how to welcome people new to a job, a board, or a community.

Also here to greet me was Nancy Meyer, my administrative assistant. Nancy and I hit it off right away as we both like organization and, if possible, getting work done in advance. We have worked together so long that we jokingly say we have spent more waking time together than we have with our husbands. I am sure there will be many mornings when we will now meet for coffee (Nancy) or tea (me).

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## from Nancy

Can 24 years really have passed since I began my employment with ELS? I was only 38 (go ahead and add that up) and was looking for a part-time job close to home. Those were my only criteria. Not knowing a single thing about libraries except that I was afraid of my high school librarian, I embarked on a path that has taught me a lot about the library world. In 1988 my only tasks at work were to do exactly as I was told regarding any clerical or financial assignments. I printed everything on a dot matrix using pin fed paper and we sent out anything that needed copies. The office was filled with leased books for the Info-Serv van and there was no answering machine.

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## *from Kathy*

I have learned so much from my fellow regional library system colleagues. We have worked well together and have been able to bring many regional and national presenters into the state. I am very proud of the six Nebraska Library Leadership Institutes we have sponsored with the assistance of the Nebraska Library Commission as well as the Nebraska Library Association, the Nebraska Educational Media Association, and the University of Nebraska Love Library. Building partnerships really does work!

Partnerships is a good segue into the Eastern Library System and the Southeast Library System's colloquiums. SELS Administrator, Brenda Ealey, and I came up with the idea in 2006 to hold two colloquiums a year and to date have held 11. Working together, we were able to bring in renowned speakers such as Joe Janes, Jamie LaRue, Stacey Aldrich, Terry Petite, Jo Budler, and Veronda Pitchford. Our partnership on hosting a Youth Services Retreat is even longer - 18 years! And yes, there will be another YSR in 2013 and a colloquium is on November 29 there will be a colloquium on building partnerships. (See the flyer on page 16.)

I admire the fantastic school librarians in ELS "who do so much to enable that students and staff are effective users of information." Those are Dr. Becky Pasco's words, who like Dr. Haselwood before her, has done so much to put top-notch school librarians in our schools. Without Becky's support and that of the Nebraska School Library Association, ELS would not have been able to offer a full-day of training to school librarians—every March since 2006.

The biggest change I have seen over the years is in the ELS public libraries. More now have MLS directors but all—even the smallest offer Internet service and good service to their communities. Directors and their staff want more continuing education, to network with other libraries, and analyze their communities to meet the needs of their library customers. Somewhere along the way, these marvelous people have become my friends; I will miss seeing all on a regular basis but don't be surprised if I stop in for a visit or event.

ELS is a non-profit organization and I have been so fortunate to work under great boards of directors that have given me their support, excellent advice, and helpful insights. They have provided technical assistance, helped run parking lot sales, went along with my idea of a different kind of calendar, and their friendship. You are the best.

To sum it up, thank you all for allowing to have a job where I have never been bored and never dreaded coming to work. I am indeed fortunate.

## *from Nancy*

To say things have changed since then is an understatement. After the first two administrators left, Kathy came into my life in 1991. Soon I was taking Basic Skills classes and attending the ELS board meetings. Now that I think about it, maybe Kathy was trying to get me to be a "real" librarian. I also worked with two other wonderful ladies who drove the book van. Karen Hunter, who I had lunch with at conference and hadn't seen since 1994, and Toni Reese, who I have dinner with once a month and is a good friend. Speaking of the van, that has to be my only negative memory - not because of those wonderful librarians we visited once a month, but rather those times when I was the substitute driver and it was either crummy weather or the van broke down. Now the system office is filled with books for our "book bag project," Kathy keeps me up to date on everything, we have laser printers and a nice copier - yes, things have changed.

Working at ELS has been a blessing to me. It enabled me to continue my music position at my church (organist and bell choir director), was a wonderful location with easy and free parking, but foremost gave me the opportunity to meet and know some terrific people. I've done things I never thought I would when I started - including running a webpage, helping to design an uncensored calendar, making ornaments with library pictures inside and....pricing hundreds of items for garage sales!

I want to thank you all for being part of my life. I have worked for some really super people on our system boards. And....I have worked for a wonderful and dear boss. Kathy and I have spent a lot of time together and there is no one else I would have rather worked for. We are actually very diverse in many ways (not just our size) but we have so many other things in common including our desire that ELS remain the very best system in Nebraska. I think Kathy and I have been a good team so it's kind of appropriate that we retire together. We are forever connected....no matter what.

What I will take with me are great memories of people loving what they do and being very good at it. I am hopeful that I was helpful to most of you. After the first of the year when I'm at home, I just might find myself answering the phone saying, "Eastern Library System, this is Nancy."



**November 15** - DIRECT Meeting, Oakland Public Library, 9:30 am

**November 23rd** - Book Fair at Barnes and Noble. See page 16.

**November 29th** – ELS/SELS Colloquium with Kathy Dempsey at Cornhusker Hotel, 5:30 to 9:30. See page 17.

**November 30th** - Summer Reading Program Workshop. See page 18.

**December 3rd to 14th** – Basic Skills – Finance.

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCalendar.aspx>

**December 14th**—ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am—ELS Office

**January 11, 2013** - Summer Reading Program Presenter's Fair - 9am - 2 pm, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion. See page 20

**January 30, 2013** - Advocacy Day, Lincoln....more information coming

**February 8, 2013**—ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am—Baright Public Library, Ralston

**April 12, 2013**—ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am—North Bend Public Library

## 2012 Nebraska Book Award Winners

- ✓ **Anthology:** *Aspects of Robinson: Homage to Weldon Kees.*
- ✓ **Anthology Honor:** *Women on the North American Plains.*
- ✓ **Cover/Design/Illustration:** *First Telegraph Line across the Continent: Charles Brown's 1861 Diary.*
- ✓ **Cover/Design/Illustration Honor:** *Flushed During Play: 51 Pet Rodent Death.*
- ✓ **Fiction:** *To Be Sung Underwater*, by Tom McNeal.
- ✓ **Non-Fiction Biography:** *Rattlesnake Daddy: A Son's Search For His Father*, by Brent Spencer
- ✓ **Nonfiction History:** *The Rhythm Boys of Omaha Central: High School Basketball at the '68 Racial Divide*, by Steve Marantz. (editor's note from Nancy: I graduated from Omaha Central in 1968 and am quoted in this book!)
- ✓ **Non-Fiction Nebraska as Place:** *Portraits of the Prairie: The Land That Inspired Willa Cather*, by Richard Schilling.
- ✓ **Nonfiction Reference:** *Field Guide to Wildflowers of Nebraska and the Great Plains*, by Jon Farrar.
- ✓ **Poetry:** *Dirt Songs: A Plains Duet*, by Twyla M. Hansen and Linda M. Hasselstrom

An awards presentation ceremony for the Nebraska Center for the Book's **Celebration of Nebraska Books** was held on November 3, 2012, at the Nebraska State Historical Society's Museum of Nebraska History in downtown Lincoln. Winners of the **2012 Nebraska Book Awards** were honored and the celebration included readings and signings by some of the winning authors.



**A continuation of our series on “A Day in the Life” of a librarian, representing one of the four types of libraries ELS serves. This issue features a school librarian teacher.**



**Sara Churchill,  
Arbor Park Intermediate School, Blair**

5:50 a.m. - The alarm goes off. I am not a morning person, so it takes me a while and a big cup of homemade iced coffee before I'm ready to go.

7:20 a.m. - Leave home with my 1st grade son in tow. Though we live in Omaha, I work in Blair and my son attends elementary school three blocks away from my intermediate school. We get the benefits of both worlds the “big” city and the small town and I love that little perk.

8 a.m. - After dropping my son off, I walk into my building. I used to be one of those people that loved to get to work a good 15-20 minutes early, but as any parent will tell you, things change! Usually I get hit with several things when I walk in the door. Perhaps a computer isn't working right or a teacher needs to know how to do something. Maybe the copy machine or laminator needs to be changed. Chess club needs to be covered or I need to work out some details of a project, There is always too much to get done.

8:15 a.m. - The bell rings and students flood the halls. I often take the next ten minutes to visit with the teachers while we supervise the morning hallway activity, but there are plenty of times when I am trying to move a projector somewhere, figure out who signed up for the cart, the lab, or the library and where I'm supposed to be teaching that day. Students head to the classrooms at 8:25, and I wrap up those morning details I needed to get done.

8:40 - I head to my first 5th grade class. For this school year, I have a fairly set schedule. Though I sometimes yearn for more flexible scheduling that would allow me to go into classrooms and team teach to incorporate research and tech skills into projects authentically, I also grasp the time I have with the students and refuse to let go. I am lucky enough to say that I teach every class once every four days for 33 minutes at a time. My building has two grade levels with usually eight sections in each grade, 4th and 5th (a unique set up for a school). We have all the 4th and 5th graders in the district, about 375 kids this year. It's like a younger middle school, and it affords me the chance to have a great impact on their learning and cover things that might get missed if it was only up to the classroom teacher to have me come in. I share my block of “specials” time with our school counselor. I get the students for 33 minutes and he gets them for 33 minutes. We do like to chunk our times though, so we each get blocks of time to do our other tasks.

9:15 - The students have transitioned to their next special (they get two a day), and I can work on any number of tasks I have on my list. Planning book fair, attending technology meetings, fixing computers, updating iPad carts, pulling book boxes, weeding the library, cataloging the “difficult” books, etc. I usually need to take a break around 9:45 when there is a slight break in the students schedules and the library typically gets flooded with kids checking out books, taking Accelerated Reader quizzes, and getting laptops or iPads to use for our iXL math website or other work.

"A Day in the Life" continued from page 4...

10:33 - I pick up a new group of 5th grade students from Guidance and have class with them. Some times we have class in the lab, some times we go to the library. As much as I love my library and that it is the center hub of the school, it is the center hub of the school...and can often be too distracting for the kids to have as a true classroom. I am responsible for the research curriculum, library skills curriculum, genres, keyboard, and technology skills. It's a big mound to tackle and can be daunting when I feel the time slipping away and that I'm not covering everything I need to cover.

11:10 - After handing the students over to their teacher, I head back to the library. If I am lucky, I have a volunteer helping to check out books over the lunch hour and I can take 20 minutes to go fix a computer or work on other things. If I am not as lucky, I spend the next 20 minutes checking in and out laptops or iPads for students who haven't gotten their Math work done. If all goes well, I get to lunch at 11:30...but it usually ends up being 11:35.

11:35 - I sit down and eat lunch. I usually prefer to eat lunch in the lounge and not work during lunch. I am a social person and like to network with my staff.

12:00 - I head to lunch duty in the cafeteria. Though some days I would prefer the quiet of the hall, I get to see and learn a lot about the kids during lunch duty. I really enjoy the time I have in there with them, though some days my ears don't! I also love my staff and get to have duty with good people.

12:30 - I head back to the library to troubleshoot things, catalog, work on the growing pile of genre tests, create handouts, make lesson plans, update the webpage...generally do what teacher librarians do.

1:23 - My first 4th grade class heads in from Guidance. I have back to back classes in the afternoon. We have to combat the noise of the 5th graders going out to afternoon recess, but we usually make it through.

1:55 - I return the students to their teacher and I get a ten minute break before the next class.

2:05 - One more class. By this point in the day, we are fighting fatigue. (The students and me!)

2:37 - They head off to my counselor and I can wrap up a few things for the day.

3:14 - The first dismissal bell rings. Some days, I have duty outside helping with the car line and pick up. Others I work in my office or help those last minute students in the library. After school, my son joins me around 3:30 and does a great job of being entertained on his own while I work. We head out the door around 4:00 p.m., my days of staying hours late after school much more difficult when I have a 7-year-old with me.

We typically get home around 4:45 p.m. Perhaps I get to squeeze in something fun with my son, but there are education classes that I teach to prepare for, presentations to create, administration classes to take, and my obsession of digital scrapbooking. The evening hours go even quicker than the day does!

# SYSTEM NEWS

2012



**Friday: November 16, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday: November 17, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
 Held at: St. John's Lutheran Church  
 322 North Molley Street, Bennington, NE

Come stroll through the display of 25 decorated Christmas trees at our Festival of Trees. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Bennington Area Libraries and the GFWC Bennington Woman's Club.

The sights, sounds, and smells of the Christmas season will surround you. Soup and dessert will be available both days. There will also be Grandma's Attic (gently used items – think wonderful indoor garage sale), a great raffle, silent auction, and delicious homemade delights at our Sweet Shoppe. Santa will be there Friday evening.

Admission is \$1.00 per person with proceeds going to the Bennington Public Library's Building Fund. Food prices will be \$6.00 for a full soup meal (soup, dessert and beverage). Coffee and dessert will be \$1.00 each.

## Omaha Public School Libraries

Saddlebrook librarians, Deb Vinopal and Beth Eilers, hosted author Mary Downing Hahn for a visit on Tuesday, October 16. While Mary loved writing from an early age, she first planned to be an artist and then worked in a public library prior to becoming a published author in her thirties. She accepted her fifth Golden Sower Award at the NLA/NEMA conference last month for *Closed for the Season*.

Collette Marsh at Educational Research Library created a great display using the Nebraska School Librarian Association's advocacy slogan, "Strong Libraries Lift Learners"



## Sump Memorial Library, Papillion Art Fest



The library, along with the Papillion Arts Council, Papillion Community Foundation, Papillion La Vista Arts Network, Papillion La Vista IDEAL School, Mayor's Youth Council, Papillion Junior Women's Club and the Friends of the Library, is hosted the first annual free Downtown Kids Art Fest on October 6th. It was a family friendly event on the library lawn.

# MORE SYSTEM NEWS



Those of us who know Dee Huff, children's librarian at the Ralston Baright Public Library, always have known that she was a special person because of her smile for everyone, love for children, family, education and libraries. So it is not really a surprise that Dee was

honored as a **Worthy Woman of Distinction**. Nominated by Baright's past library director, Jan Gorman, who is a past Worthy Woman, nominated Dee for the award. Dee was recognized along with seven other women who are also fighting cancer. Suburban Newspapers created the Worthy Women Award of Distinction in 2008 to honor women who are doing great things in the metro suburban areas. This year they partnered with Susan G. Komen to honor women who are fighting breast cancer to promote the event.



L-R Sara Powell (member of the Mayor's Commission) Alice, Gordon, Tammy, Lupe, Mayor Rita Sanders

## Bellevue Library's Youth Programs and Services wins Pat Kelly Award

The Mayor's Commission on Drug Education and Prevention is pleased to announce that the Bellevue Public Library Youth Programs and Services is this year's winner of the Pat Kelly Award. This annual award was handed out at the annual Drug Free Breakfast hosted by the Drug Commission at the Bellevue Public Schools Lied Activity Center. Children's Librarians Alice Boeckman, Tammy Henry and Teen Librarian, Gordon Wyant joined Library Director, Lupe Mier in accepting the award. The Pat Kelly Award has been given out every year at this breakfast since 1990 to honor an organization or individual who has been instrumental in helping the youth of the Bellevue Community promote a drug free lifestyle or offering positive alternatives for our young people.

## Gaming Event at La Vista

La Vista Public Library's Teen Advisor Board volunteered their time and efforts to



Lindsey Tomsu, Teen Librarian

create a life-sized board to play the Arkham Horror Game based off H.P. Lovecraft's science fiction series, all day on Oct. 13. "It took quite a while to set it up," Lindsey said. Throughout the game, teens played the roles of investigators while otherworldly forces appeared and ravaged the town of Arkham. Through taking turns and sharing game resources, the teens assisted each other in defeating monsters and finding clues.

## The Springfield Public Librarians on Halloween



## EVEN MORE SYSTEM NEWS

### Bothmer President-Elect of Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries

by *Creighton Today*

– November 12, 2012 Posted in: [Faculty/Staff News](#)

Jim Bothmer, associate vice president for Health Sciences and director of the Health Sciences Library, was elected president-elect of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) at the recent annual meeting of the Association of Academic Medical Centers. AAHSL is one of over 90 societies that are affiliated with the Association of Academic Medical Centers (AAMC).

For nearly 30 years the AAHSL has sought to improve the role of academic health sciences librarians and information professionals in the United States and Canada by assessing, advancing, strengthening, leading and reframing health sciences libraries in patient care, research and teaching. This purpose requires vigorous leadership that enhances and mobilizes the influence, resources and intellectual capital of academic health science libraries toward a goal of improving health care.

Bothmer's term of office runs from November 2012 to November 2015. He assumes the president position in November 2013. **Congratulations, Jim.**

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A popular program at the Fall Conference was one of **safety in libraries**. The 50 minute program could easily have taken up a three-hour block as here were so many questions and concerns. So, if you need help with a disaster plan, Robin Clark, Sump Memorial Library Director, highly recommends using a free online product called dPlan. Prepared by the Northeast Document Conservation Center and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, dPlan was developed to help you create a plan for disaster prevention and response. It can help you:



- prevent or mitigate disaster
- prepare for the most likely emergencies
- respond quickly to minimize damage if disaster strikes, and
- recover effectively from disaster while continuing to provide services to your community.

Go to <http://www.dplan.org> to try it.

*Library Journal* announced in their November 1 issue what public libraries were American's Star Libraries. Nebraska has 12, three of which are from the Eastern Library System. Congratulations to the **Springfield Public Library, the Ashland Public Library, and the Bennington Public Library**. This index of public libraries is based on the quantities of services provided they deliver to their community. Congratulations!

## Awards at Conference



### MPLA

Jean Lukesh, Nebraska author, Jean was the recipient of MPLA's Literary Contribution Award at the NLA/NSLA/MPLA conference for her various non-fiction books as well as the Nebraska Adventure textbook. Jean is a former school librarian and teacher with Grand Island Public Schools.

### NLA

Meritorious Service - Tracy Bickell-Holmes, UNL

Mari Sandoz - Joe Starita

### NLA Sections

Public Library Trustees Section Excalibur - Pam Bohmfalk, Hasting Public Library

Public Library and Trustee Section Advocacy Award - Mike Teetor, Kilgore Memorial Library board

College & University Distinguished Service - Marie Reidelbach, McGoogan Library of Medicine, UNMC

Paraprofessional of the Year - Terri Johnson, North Platte Public Library

School, Children's and Young People Mad Hatter Award - Laura Pietsch, Omaha Public Schools

### Round Tables

New Members - Mentor of the Year - David Mixdorf, South Sioux City Public Library

Beginning Professional - Odessa Meyer, South Sioux City Public Library

## Ten Quick Ways to Invigorate Board Meetings (for Library Trustees)

Adapted from an article by Jan Masaoka, August 9,  
2009 / *Blue Avocado*, Magazine of American Non-Profits

Board members invest a tremendous amount of time and energy at board meetings. A few simple changes can often make that investment pay off in important ways. Make a resolution to implement at least one of the following ideas this month:

1. Supply name tags for everyone at every meeting. It's embarrassing to have seen people at several meetings and wondered what their names are . . . and later it's really hard to admit you don't know their names.
2. Make a chart of frequently used external and internal acronyms (such as CDBG for Community Development Block Grants or ILS for integrated library system) and post it on the wall of every meeting. (If you distribute the list on paper, it is soon lost.) The chart will help people unfamiliar with the acronyms know what others are talking about.
3. Write an anticipated action for each agenda item. Examples:
  - Finance Committee report, brief questions and answers: Anticipated Action = no action needed.
  - Building Committee: Anticipated Action = form committee of three to four board members.
4. Make sure that each person says at least one thing at every board meeting. This is the board chair's responsibility, but everyone should help.
5. Avoid one-way presentations from staff. If you have a regular executive director's report on the agenda, or if a staff person is giving you a briefing, be sure that such presentations

need a response from the board. If not, put such reports in writing in the board packet and just ask if there are any questions.

6. Don't include committee reports on the agenda just to make the committees feel worthwhile. If a committee has done work but a board discussion isn't necessary, put the committee report in the board packet. In the meeting be sure to recognize the committee's good work and refer people to the written report.

7. On the agenda, have an open-ended discussion on at least one of the most important matters facing the organization. For example, changes in government funding.

8. Encourage "dumb" questions, respectful dissent, and authentic disagreements. Find a chance to be encouraging, at every meeting: "Sylvia, I'm glad you asked that 'dumb' question. I wanted to know the answer, too." "Duane, I appreciate the fact that you disagreed with me in that last discussion. Even though you didn't convince me, your comment helped make the discussion much more valuable."

9. Make sure the room is comfortable! Not too hot or cold or crowded.

10. Adjourn on time, or agree to stay later.

And a bonus suggestion: once every year or two, survey board members about meetings. Pass out a questionnaire for anonymous return to the board vice chair or secretary, asking, "What do you like best about board meetings? Least? Are you satisfied with what's usually on the agenda? How could the board chair do more to encourage discussion at the meetings? Is the location or time of day difficult for you?"

**\* Kathy's Note—Board members should join and participate in the Nebraska Library Association's Public Library and Trustee Section. The rate for a trustee to join is only \$20**

## Resources for Youth Services and School Librarians

### 2013 Letters About Literature Contest Now Open

Young readers in grades 4-10 are invited to write a personal letter to an author for the 2013 Letters About Literatures reading and writing promotion program. The letter can be to any author (living or dead) from any genre- fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic - explaining how that author's work changed the student's view of the world. Prizes will be awarded on both the state and national levels. The Nebraska Center for the Book's panel of judges will select the top letter writers in the state, to be honored in a proclamation signing ceremony at the state capitol during National Library Week in April 2013. National winners, to be announced in late April, will receive additional prizes. Teachers, Librarians, and parents can download free teaching materials on reader response and reflective writing at [www.lettersaboutliterature.org](http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org)

Submissions must be postmarked by January 11, 2013. Nebraska-specific information is available at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/LAL.html>

### 2012 Honorees from our system were:

- ✓ Marin Harrington, Omaha - to Kathryn Stockett about "The Help"
- ✓ Arash Hamidi, Omaha - to Maya Angelou about "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"
- ✓ Taisha Morris, Omaha - to Faith Ringgold about "My Dream of Martin Luther King"

### Summer Reading Workshop is early this year!

November 30th at Keene Memorial Library

This workshop will have two separate times to share your ideas, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We will also have a session on books for tweens and teens and a craft demonstration pertaining to the theme "Dig Into Reading."



As usual there will be book reviews, a sandwich lunch and a time to connect with fellow children and youth librarians.

You will find the registration form either on page 18 of this newsletter or on our webpage - [www.elsne.org](http://www.elsne.org)



### Presenters Fair

Plan to attend the Presenter's Fair this year. It will be on January 11th at the Sump Memorial Library in Papillion. For those who came last year, you know it was both fun and informative.

Arrive anytime between 9am and 2pm to visit the presenters and sign up for a program if you would like. There will be some refreshments and a time to visit with other librarians. If you cannot come be sure to send a trustee or some other representative to gather the information.

See the flyer on page 20

## Didn't get to go to Conference.....?

### MPLA/NLA/NSLA Tri-Conference 2012 Handouts for School Librarians

While all sessions at the conference may be helpful and of interest for school librarians, the following ones may be of particular interest to them and can be downloaded at:

<http://www.mpla.us/documents/handouts/2012/>.

#### **The Embedded School Librarian** – Presenter, Sara Kelley-Maude

Embedded Librarianship – Discover how to move beyond the physical walls of the library, both virtually and physically, in order to make connections between students and teachers in our schools and between resources, information, and people inside and outside of the school.

#### **Budget Building** - Presenter, Courtney Pentland

This session presents a variety of strategies in which libraries can add to their budget through donations, grants, contests, bookfairs, etc. The session outlines the steps I have taken to add about \$11,000 in additional funding to our school library budget in the last 3 years from outside sources.

#### **17 Things to Soak Up** –Presenter, Carrie Turner

The Nebraska Library Commission has "23 Things", a web 2.0 experience for librarians, but how do you get teachers involved in something like this? At our high school, we developed a shorter program tailored to the needs of teachers. Our "Things" helped them discover new classroom tools and places to look for professional growth.

#### **Do It Yourself Signage** - Presenter, Gail Santy

Merely adequate signage identifies the resources in your library and tells people what they can and can't do. Great signage communicates your competence, understanding, and care for the people using your library. Join Gail Santy as she leads you through deciphering what constitutes a good sign and how to send the right message to your patrons. Gail will wrap up the session with practical, affordable ideas for do-it-yourself signs on a very low budget and pass around actual signs.

#### **ePublication** - Presenters, Carrie Turner, Sara Churchill

Discussion & demonstration of the various types of programs available for e-publishing student work.

#### **Dig Into Reading: Titles for the 2013 Summer Reading Program** – Presenter Sally Snyder

Listen to brief book talks of new titles pertaining to the 2013 Summer Reading Program themes: "Dig Into Reading" (children's theme) and "Beneath the Surface" (teen theme). Titles for preschoolers through teens will be included.

#### **There's an App for That 2** – Presenters, Melody Kenney, Heide Clarke

Want to catch up on the latest in book apps and other fun educational apps?

**Learning4Life: Motivation and Engagement Infusion!** –Presenter, Dr. Sherry Crow, Judy Henning, Angie Richeson

Motivation and engagement are key to student learning and success. In this session, presenters will share ways to utilize the inquiry process to foster intrinsic motivation and student engagement. Ideas will be given to integrate the AASL Standards for the 21st- Century Learner into a standards-based curriculum. Participants will learn how to access the AASL Standards for the 21st-Century Learner Lesson Plan Database and leave with technology-rich, high quality, collaborative 21st Century lesson plans for authentic P-12 classroom activities and projects.

**Simplifying Social Bookmarking** – Presenters, Wendy Grojean, Tiffany Frost

We will provide an overview and definition of social bookmarking and compare the positives and negatives of popular social bookmarking sites. We will then narrow our focus to the two most effective sites for educational purposes. We will highlight the professional development implications and benefits that social bookmarking offers for all librarians and teachers. We will also explore how these sites can be utilized by secondary students doing research.

**Size Doesn't Matter: Use Responsive Design to Fit On Any Screen** – Presenter, Roy Degler  
From smartphones to tablets, our patrons are accessing our sites from a large variety of devices. Is your website ready? Learn how to design and build an appealing functional website that responds and adapts to the patron's demands.

**Interactive Media-On Demand** – Presenters, Sandy White, Susan Sandoval, Melissa Engel  
ESUs are bringing K-12 schools a new media-on-demand service - streaming video, audio, and support materials for web-based learning in an online collaborative environment! Content is correlated to state standards and 21st century learning initiatives and can be adapted to meet the needs of local districts and individual teachers.

**Google Apps You Can't Live Without** – Presenters, Ann Feldmann, Brent Catlett, Jenny Krzystowczyk

Participants will learn how to use Google Calendar, Forms, and Docs. These must have tools will make any media specialist's life so much better. Come learn tips and tricks from Google Certified Trainers.

**Re-Organizing the School Library** – Presenters, Courtney Pentland, Kim Gangwish, Kim McCain

We will discuss various library reorganization projects in three high school libraries. Kim Gangwish will discuss fiction genre categorization in the Bellevue High School libraries. Kim McCain will discuss the non-fiction categorization for Tri-County School's library. Courtney Pentland will discuss the fiction and non-fiction categorization at Omaha Burke High School.

**Best New Children's Books of 2012** – Presenter, Sally Snyder

Brief book talks of new titles that could be good additions to your library's collection. Titles for pre-school through elementary school will be included.

**Best New Teen Books of 2012** – Presenter, Sally Snyder

Brief book talks of new titles that could be good additions to your library's collection. Titles for younger and older teens will be included.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of NLA! Their terms will begin after the conclusion of the NLA Annual Meeting on October 18 at the Tri-Conference. Thank you to everyone who participated in the elections by running for office, lining up candidates and of course voting, everyone makes a difference!

NLA Vice-President/President Elect - Robin Clark  
 NLA Secretary - Rose Barcal  
 MPLA Representative - Jake Rundle  
 C&U Vice Chair/Chair-Elect - Jon Ritterbush  
 Paraprofessionals Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Jennifer Sorenson  
 Paraprofessionals Treasurer - Aimee Owen  
 PLTS Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Evonne Edgington  
 PLTS Treasurer/Secretary - Amy Greenland  
 SCYP Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Michelle Bullock  
 ITART Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Lisa Voss  
 NMRT Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Matt Kovar  
 NMRT Secretary - Aimee Owen  
 TSRT Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Heather Buckwalter  
 TSRT Secretary/Treasurer - Euemduan Osmera  
 S & I Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect - Annette Parde  
 S & I Secretary - Cathy Hatterman  
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Dawn Moynihan, Advocacy Committee; Governor Dave Heineman ; Francine Canfield, Advocacy Committee; Kathy Tooker, Advocacy Committee.

### Proclamation for Nebraska Information Literacy Month

Nebraska's greatest strength is in its people who value lifelong learning and who understand the power of information

**Whereas**....Information literacy provides the tools and skills for Nebraskans to find, evaluate, and use credible information from all sources in our constantly evolving world; and

**Whereas**...The ability to search, find, decipher, and analyze different forms of information is a key component for Nebraskans in effective decision-making across various financial, medical, educational, and industrial fields; and

**Whereas**...Nebraskans who are comfortable working with informational resources available in the digital world are able to seek highly skilled jobs and compete in the global economy; and

**Whereas**...Information literacy is a crucial part of education in Nebraska and, if taught as early as the kindergarten level, will expose Nebraska students to analytic and research practices that will better prepare them for changing technologies; and

**Whereas**...through public awareness, the State of Nebraska seeks to remind citizens, employers, government agencies, and institutions of the importance of information literacy for economic prosperity, social cohesion, educational opportunity, and an enhanced quality of life; and

Now, Therefore...I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of October, 2012, as

**INFORMATION LITERACY MONTH**



## Literacy Center Teams with DCDC



Monday, October 15th was the first day of school for many individuals in the community corrections program at the Douglas County Department of Corrections, thanks to a new partnership with the Literacy Center to provide Adult Basic Education through the Day Reporting Program.

"The research connecting a lack of literacy to incarceration is compelling," said Kristen Case, executive director of the Literacy Center. "Our staff will work with people in the community corrections program at a basic level to them get ready to start work on their GED."

The Literacy Center staff will provide participants with a strong focus on reading and writing, plus some work in math and the social sciences to prepare them for DCDC's outstanding reading program.

"These courses will cover the basic skills that are needed to live in society," said Mike Myers, Community Corrections Manager for the Douglas County Department of Corrections. "Studies show that more than 70 percent of the people behind bars in American can't read above a fourth grade level."

No tax dollars are being used for the program, which will be able to serve roughly 200 people per year once it is fully implemented in the jail and in community corrections.

Learn more about the Literacy Center visiting [www.midlandsliteracy.org](http://www.midlandsliteracy.org).

For additional information contact Kirsten Case, Executive Director at 402-342-7323 or [kcase@midlandsliteracy.org](mailto:kcase@midlandsliteracy.org).

The Literacy Center's mission is to empower adults and families by helping them acquire the literacy skills and practices to be active and contributing members of their communities. It was founded in 1970 and is accredited by ProLiteracy, the largest non-governmental organization of adult basic education and literacy programs in the world.

The Douglas County Department of Corrections GED program has graduated 65 individuals this year and over 350 in the past five years. Participants in the DCDC's community corrections programs program provided over 2,500 hours of community service last month nearly 25,000 this year.

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### Work of Art.....

After two years of work and four chain saws, ELS Board Member and former state senator, Lowen Kruse, has completed work on a 16 foot totem pole. Kruse researched totem poles before he started carving on the hackberry tree in his yard. Totem poles can symbolize cultures, events, and/or family. Kruse's totem pole has



an owl, raven, lion (Lowen's name means lion) and a bear. He added a heart to the raven as that is what his grandchildren wanted.

## What the Nebraska Library Commission's 2013-2015 budget request means to Nebraska Residents

Prepared by Francine Canfield, NLA Advocacy Chair

1. **eReads:** **NEW** direct state funding for eBooks and eAudios for public libraries. Separate funds from the current Direct State Aid to public libraries. The request is for \$925,000 or \$.50 per person.
1. **Regional Library Systems:** An additional \$15,000 per system for the next two years; a total of \$90,000.
2. **NebraskAccess:** \$25,461 for the price increase for licensing the current databases. \$141,085 for access to eLibrary or similar database for public and private schools.

### What the NLA Advocacy Committee is doing:

1. Developing a campaign to gain support and win passage in the Unicameral in 2013.
2. Working with our lobbyist to garner support from the Nebraska League of Municipalities and Nebraska County Managers.

### What you can do to support:

1. Read the emails from NLA about eReads
2. Identify eBooks and eAudio and other downloadable products as part of your strategic plan to serve your community. 56,197 Nebraskans have signed on to Overdrive since 2005!
3. Use the campaign materials and logo to tell a consistent message.
4. Get your community's support.
5. Talk to your senator. Friend them on Facebook.
6. **Be patient, persistent, and consistent in the NLA message to our communities and legislature.**



# Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

**Black Friday - November 23rd**

**9:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.**

**Barnes & Noble Book Store**

**Oakview Mall**

**144th and Center**

**Authors present (will sign books)**

For every purchase made that day (even at the coffee shop) a percentage of the proceeds will be given to the

**Eastern Library System.**

**Be sure to mention ELS when making purchases**

You may order online use ID # 10916955

Last day for online shopping is 11/28/12

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# Fall Colloquium

*Building Community Partnerships: 25 Ideas in 45 Minutes with Kathy Dempsey*

November 29th, 2012 @ 5:30

Yankee Hill Room, The Cornhusker, Lincoln

Kathy Dempsey is a consultant and trainer through her business, Libraries Are Essential, and is the author of *The Accidental Library Marketer* (Information Today, Inc., 2009). Her work is dedicated to helping librarians and information professionals promote their value and expertise in order to gain respect and funding. Kathy has been the Editor of the *Marketing Library Services* newsletter for 18 years and was formerly Editor-in-Chief of *Computers in Libraries* magazine. She also blogs at The 'M' Word.

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Send registration and \$40 by **November 21st** to:

Southeast Library System, 5730 R. St, Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505 or by fax to (402)467-6196

This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

# Dig Into Reading



## Eastern Library System Summer Reading Workshop for 2013

**November 30, 2012**

**Keene Memorial Library**

**1030 North Broad Street, Fremont**

|                |                                                                                                                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 - 9:25 am | Registration & Refreshments                                                                                                 |
| 9:30 - 10:15   | Lindsey Tomsu, La Vista Public Library - <b>Great books for tweens and teens you have never heard of</b>                    |
| 10:15 - 10:30  | Break                                                                                                                       |
| 10:30 - 11:15  | Share Time (part 1) Bring a book, craft, program or other idea to share. (please bring 40 copies of your idea/bibliography) |
| 11:15-12:00    | Book Reviews by Sally Snyder                                                                                                |
| Noon-12:45     | Lunch                                                                                                                       |
| 12:45-1:45     | Judy Andrews, York Public Library - <b>Digging for Dinosaurs - "prehistoric crafts and fossilized fun"</b>                  |
| 1:45 - 2:00    | Break                                                                                                                       |
| 2:00....       | Share Time (part 2)                                                                                                         |

Cost: \$17 (checks to ELS) which includes lunch  
6 hours of continuing education credit

**YOU MUST SEND YOUR REGISTRATION BY November 23rd (that is Thanksgiving weekend!) You may pay at the door if necessary but please indicate that on your registration and mail or fax (402-330-1859) by the due date.**

**Don't wait on your city to send it!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Snow date: Dec. 7th  
Please call the office if the weather looks bad on the 30th.

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

## Eastern Library System Board Minutes October 12, 2012 Omaha Public Library, Elkhorn Branch

Present: Joyce Neujahr, Marcia Jussel, Scott Berryman, Tammy Lorenz, Lowen Kruse, John Seyfarth, David Privett, Rosa Schmidt, Francine Canfield. Alternates: Marie Reidelbach, Lupe Mier. Ex-Officio: Kathy Tooker, Nancy Meyer. Guests: Wendy Anderson, Sally Snyder.

President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:37 am. Board members and alternates introduced themselves and talked about recent activities in their libraries. Wendy welcomed the board.

Sally Snyder distributed a written report from the Nebraska Library Commission

Seyfarth moved and Neujahr seconded the approval of the April 13, 2012, board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The August and September 2012 treasurer's reports were reviewed. Seyfarth moved and Berryman seconded to approve the reports. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Kathy Tooker read a thank-you note from one of the presenters at the Youth Services retreat

Director's Report: See written report. Kathy highlighted the quarterly meeting with the Nebraska Library Commission. Both the Youth Services Retreat and the Nebraska Library leadership Institute have been booked for 2013. The next Colloquium will be November 29<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln featuring Kathy Dempsey. The Summer Reading Program Workshop will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was moved earlier to complete before the staff changes.

### Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Marcia reported that current projects are Book Lover's Calendars, Younkers Booklets and a Barnes and Noble Book Fair on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Advocacy: Francine, legislative chair for NLA, discussed upcoming plans including the proclamation of "Information Literacy Month" in October.

### Old Business:

Administrative Assistant Position: Kathy reported that she has several applications. Francine and Joyce will help with interviewing prospective candidates.

### New Business:

The financial review for fiscal year 2011-2012 was distributed. Seyfarth moved and Lorenz seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

Personnel Issues: Kathy Tooker will be retiring at the end of the year. Joyce will be the chair of the search committee. Francine, Lupe and Marie will be members of the committee.

Seyfarth moved and Reidelbach seconded forming a finance committee. Motion carried. Members will include Francine, John and Scott with Kathy as an ex-officio member.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.

Next Meeting:  
December 12<sup>th</sup> at the ELS system office.



Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Meyer, ELS Administrative Assistant

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## Eastern Library System

**Presenter's Fair**  
**January 11, 2013**  
**9 am—2 pm**  
**Sump Memorial Library**  
**222 North Jefferson**  
**Papillion**



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 2013  
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Please respond if you are coming by **January 4th** to:  
 Cathy McMahon  
 Sump Library  
 402-597-2042  
[cathytmcmahon@gmail.com](mailto:cathytmcmahon@gmail.com)

If there is inclement weather - please contact the local radio and/or TV stations to see if we need to cancel. If this happens our snow date is the following Friday, January 18, 2013.