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*Newsletter of the*

## Southeast Library System

January/February 2010

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### SOWINGS

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The year 2010 has started out fast and furious – which is no doubt no different for many of you. First off, thanks so much for your patience during the time SELS was without an administrative assistant following Jenni’s resignation the end of October. Happily we welcomed Yvonne Weers, as the new Administrative Assistant, who started on February 3<sup>rd</sup> – and I’m anxious for you all to get to know her. She’s jumped right in and is working with me in getting things caught up and back on track in the office – like SoLiS – the SELS newsletter. Following close on the heels of this January/February issue we plan a March/April issue – so news will be forthcoming. We also are talking about possible changes to the newsletter with our switch to delivering it electronically – so stay tuned.

I attended the Nebraska Library Association Legislative Day on February 9<sup>th</sup> – which is a great exercise in learning to recognize senators now that we have term limits in Nebraska. Governor Heineman addressed the group during the briefing with positive comments toward libraries and how we might play a part in the Nebraska P-16 Initiative. That initiative works to improve success rates for Nebraska students from preschool through college, with one of the goals being to increase the numbers of students going to 2 and 4 year colleges. He said he’d rather send more kids to libraries – than have them on the streets, lauding computer labs and virtual classrooms, as one method in addressing the problem of truancy. As you might expect he also led off with the Nebraska Legislature and Government not spending money they don’t have. There’s a great picture of Governor Heineman and one of this year’s library volunteers that were recognized – Elizabeth Csipkes, an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader from Gretna, on his web site: [www.governor.nebraska.gov](http://www.governor.nebraska.gov).

Scott Berryman, an Omaha attorney, who is also on the Eastern Library System Board shared ideas on gaining influence with our elected officials. Scott started working with the Legislature in 1998

and had some great information, including a quiz for finding the “most astute librarian”. I believe Richard Miller, from Nebraska Library Commission, ended up with the unofficial title. One of Scott’s tips was to build a relationship with the policy advisors in the Governor’s office, as well as continuing efforts to build relationships with senators from our own districts which includes time and money contributed to their campaigns.

Robin Clark, Chair of the NLA Legislative Committee recognized seven individuals from across the state for their volunteer contributions to Nebraska libraries at the luncheon. Each were introduced by a senator from their district and included:

- Elizabeth Csipkes from Gretna recognized by Senator Scott Price
- Dakota Lawson from Randolph recognized by Senator Mike Flood
- Dean Ringlein from Kearney recognized by Senator Galen Hadley
- Karen Tippets from Omaha recognized by Senator Brenda Council
- Gary and Vera Salmon from Lincoln recognized by Senator Colby Coash
- Carol Remmers from Beatrice recognized by Senator Norm Wallman

The afternoon continuing education program was on the Nebraska Memories Project – <http://memories.ne.gov>. Nebraska Memories contains digitized images of Nebraska’s history and culture in a collective, searchable Web database hosted by the Nebraska Library Commission (NLC). Devra Dragos and Beth Goble from NLC shared information on how materials could be added to the collection, as well as how to utilize the database. You can find detailed information on the types of materials accepted, scanning practices including letting NLC do the scanning and cataloging for you at: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskamemories](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskamemories).

# Southeast Library System



February/March

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL meeting at Tecumseh Public Library. We'll talk about the library annual report, that is required by state statute (51-213) for boards/directors to provide to their village or city each year. If you've got samples of previous or current reports that you're willing to share with the group – that'd be great. Along with this topic we'll take a look at the NCompass Live session on Presenting Data in Meaningful & Interesting Ways – which may give us some additional ideas. Feel free to bring a book to share of something you've read in 2010, plus we'll take time for a Round Robin discussion to share ideas, questions and more.

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Cataloging – Where Are We Now and Where Are We Going – College of DuPage teleconference, 11 to 12:30. Programs can be accessed via Webcast or satellite downlink. For more information go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collidupage.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collidupage.html).

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Moving Forward – The League's Next Century of Service to Nebraska's Cities and Villages at the Cornhusker in Lincoln. Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:15 is a session titled: What is the Future of the Information Age & the Role of Public Libraries. If you have representatives from your city or village attending the library director can attend this hour and 15 minute session at no cost.

**February 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** – Nebraska State Reading Association conference and exposition in Kearney. For more information go to: [www.nereads.org](http://www.nereads.org).

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** – SELS Summer Reading Workshop at the Atrium Conference Room (1200 N St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lincoln) from 9 to 4. Author James Solheim will be joining us with copies of his new book to sell and sign – *Born Yesterday: The Diary of a Young Journalist*. You can find full details on page 13.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Dr. Seuss's Birthday – Join the National Education Association in celebrating with Read Across America Day. If you need ideas to celebrate in your community you will find some on their web page at: [www.nea.org/readacross](http://www.nea.org/readacross). **March 12<sup>th</sup>** – Information Literacy Education – College of DuPage teleconference, 11 to 12:30. Programs can be accessed via Webcast or satellite downlink. For more information go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collidupage.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collidupage.html). If you'd like to watch as a group with Seward Memorial Library (SML) staff you are invited to join them in their meeting room. Please let SML know by March 11<sup>th</sup>, if you plan on attending.

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Young Adult Round Table (YART) and School, Children's & Young People's Section are hosting Make Waves @ your library ® to talk about ways of enhancing reading programs in schools and public libraries from 9 to 11 at the Blair Public Library. It costs only \$5 and you don't have to be a member of either group. For full details see page 4.

- March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Library Science Informational Meeting at 1 p.m. at UNO (Room 224 Kayser Hall) - <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2010.03.13-MU-InfoMtg.pdf>.
- March 17<sup>th</sup>** – Branding for Libraries from 9 to 12 at the Plattsmouth Public Library (401 Avenue A, 296-4154) with a representative from Bozell Advertising. You do not need to register ahead, just a walk-in registration fee of \$5. Library Journal's blog (Bubble Room) just had a great entry on the topic from Alison Circle – Library Branding 101: <http://www.libraryjournal.com/blog/820000682/post/1180039718.html>. The Plattsmouth Public Library received a Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education Grant to help fund. We'll hope to see you there for this timely workshop.
- March 18<sup>th</sup>** – Paraprofessional Spring Meeting from 9:45 to 1 p.m. Session on search strategies, leadership and ways to use a wiki. Attend live by joining participants at the Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln, or in Omaha at the Eastern Library System office. Or you can participate online by webinar. For more details see pages 12 & 13.
- March 19<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting in Wilber.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** – SELS will be hosting Virtual PLA. See page 12, and please let us know by **March 5<sup>th</sup>** if you are interested.
- April 9<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board meeting at Tri-County Schools in DeWitt.
- April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Tech Trends in Libraries - College of DuPage teleconference, 11 to 12:30. Programs can be accessed via Webcast or satellite downlink. For more information go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/colldupage.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/colldupage.html). If you'd like to watch as a group with Seward Memorial Library (SML) staff you are invited to join them in their meeting room. Please let SML know by April 8<sup>th</sup>, if you plan on attending – (643-3318).
- April 15<sup>th</sup>** - CASTL Meeting in Fairbury.
- April 17<sup>th</sup>** – NEMA/SELS Workshop at Dorchester Schools from 9 to 12. Topics to be included: hand helds, using Microsoft publisher and book reviews. If you have questions or to register contact us at the SELS office.
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** – SELS is organizing a carpool to attend the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA)/Oklahoma Library Association conference, Explore the Possibilities in Oklahoma City. By carpooling and sharing rooms we can make this a fairly inexpensive opportunity. Registration is \$110 for MPLA members for the full conference and rooms, if reserved by March 19<sup>th</sup>, have a rate of \$139 for single, double, quad. You can find information on the conference and pre-conference programs at: [www.oklibs.org/modx/events/Conferences.htm](http://www.oklibs.org/modx/events/Conferences.htm). Please let us know by **March 12<sup>th</sup>** if you are interested in joining us.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Wine, Writers & Song Festival in Brownville. The event will have poetry, music, storytelling, writers' workshop, and readings from various writers. For more information visit: [www.brownville-ne.com/](http://www.brownville-ne.com/).
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – eBook Unconference at Bellevue University – Nebraska Library Association Technical Service Round Table (TSRT) Spring Meeting.
- April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Trustee Training & Board Development with Jim Connor at the Wahoo Public Library from 9 to 4. You can find all the details and a registration form on page 16. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>** – Nebraska Educational Technology Association Conference – Creative Journeys to Learning at the LaVista Embassy Suites & Conference Center. For more information visit: [www.netasite.org/conf2010](http://www.netasite.org/conf2010).

# Nebraska Library Association

## Nebraska Library Association's **YART\* & SCYP\*** say...

### Make Waves @your library\*

Please join us for a morning of conversation and activities targeted at increasing collaboration between School, Public and all Youth Services Librarians. Together we can enhance reading programs in our school and public libraries.

All librarians welcome – Membership in YART or SCYP is not required!

Date: Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Blair Public Library - 210 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
[www.blairpubliclibrary.com](http://www.blairpubliclibrary.com)

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded!

\*Young Adult Round Table  
\*School, Children's, and Young People's Section



# CASTL

## Conversation Among Small Town Librarians



**February 18<sup>th</sup>** – Tecumseh Public Library  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Dvoracek Memorial Library, Wilber  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Fairbury Public Library  
**June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Seward Memorial Library  
**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Auburn Memorial Library  
**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – Deshler Public Library  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora  
**November 4<sup>th</sup>** – Syracuse Public Library  
**December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Webermeier Memorial Library, Milford

### **Southeast Library System Board of Directors 2009-2010**

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### **2009/10 SELS Board Meetings**



February 5<sup>th</sup>: Seward Memorial Library - 10 a.m. start time

April 9<sup>th</sup>: Tri-County Schools, DeWitt - 10 a.m. start time



# Seward Memorial Annual Report Bats a 1,000!

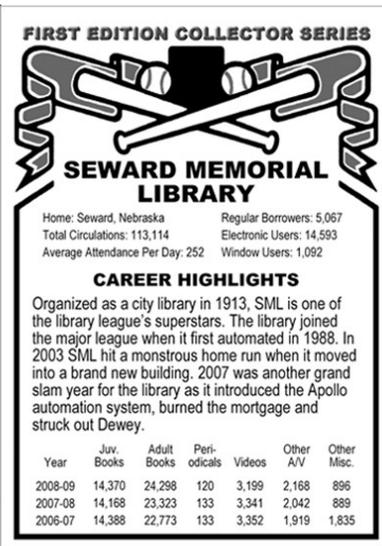
## Seward Memorial Library 2008-09 Annual Report

When annual report time comes around each year it's always a challenge to think of new and creative ways to present the sometimes dry statistical information to our Mayor, City Council and patrons. In the past the Seward Library has used a variety of formats to achieve this goal including a recipe card, candy bar and DVD movie. This year, since we had many baseball-themed programs at the library, the choice of format was clear: a baseball card and program. With the use of a 1943 Women's Baseball team picture and Photoshop, we were able to create a fun "souvenir" of the 2008-09 year featuring the library staff as the players.

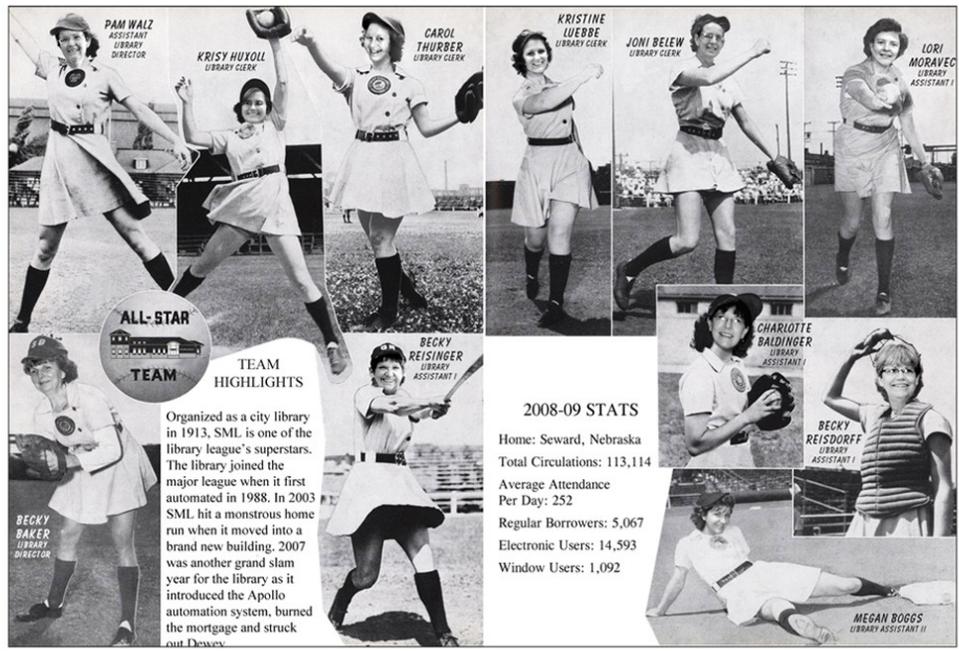
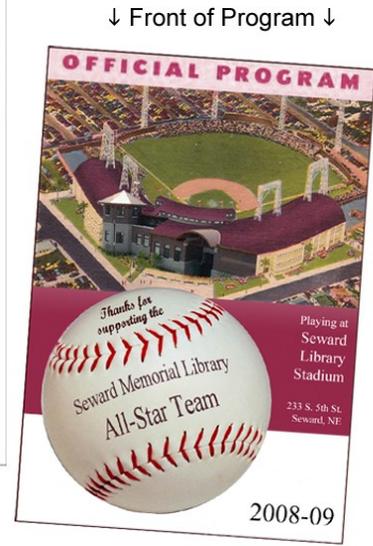
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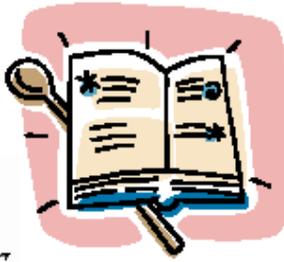
## Will You Be Our Valentine?




**Become a SELS Sweetheart!**

Submit your best-loved recipes for the SELS Friends cookbook today. It is very simple to do – visit [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org) to find the required group name and password, and then use these to log in after clicking on the cookbook link. Follow the step-by-step instructions you find there to enter ingredients and directions, that's all there is to it! You don't even have to be a member of SELS Friends to contribute recipes, though we would love to have you consider joining.

*We are a sweetheart of a group!*

## Fairbury Public Library's Reading Challenge

Fairbury Public Library's 100 Books 100 Years Reading Challenge recently concluded a year-long reading challenge for adults and children held to celebrate the Library's 100th anniversary. Those who completed the challenge read 100 books during 2009 and were rewarded with a booklover's calendar or T-

shirt and a certificate noting their achievement. Prizes were given out at a cookie and hot drinks open house on December 21st. Fifteen adults and three children read 100 books or more and a dozen more readers read over 50 books and received certificates recognizing their effort.

Submitted by, Karen Fox



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NEWS FROM THE BOTTOM

## Knit 1, Read Too!

Karen Drevo shared information with Brenda on the *Knit 1, Read Too!* program at Norfolk Public Library. And, even though Norfolk is technically not in SELS it is Brenda's alma mater and former home town, so we're making an exception:

I started this group in October and it has been wonderful. I have had knitters from beginners to expert from ages 9-senior citizen come. The group consists of 25-30 people now--we have even had a guy join us. Usually about 15 attend each gathering. I would like to think that they keep coming because I serve such fabulous refreshments!

We all do show and tell--show what we are working on at the moment and we all ooo and aaaa, ask for the

pattern and we HAVE to feel the yarn--and tell a bit about what we are currently reading. If we have beginners, we pair them up with an experienced knitter to teach them. If someone is doing a pattern and doesn't understand something, they ask if anyone has ever done that certain stitch or whatever, and get the help they need.

We also share knitting websites, books, DVDs, handouts, info about great places to buy yarn on sale, etc. It has been so much

fun to build a knitting community AND talk about books.

Please share the info with your public librarian group. The more knitters/readers we have in the world, the more peaceful it will be! Knitting is simply an expression of love.



## Tri County High Beats Winter Blues

The Tri County high school students are warming up with cappuccinos and hot chocolate to beat the winter blues on Fridays in February. Each grade is invited into the media center during study halls to purchase drinks, visit, and check out the book displays. The media center teamed up with the FLBA to help serve the event.

Submitted by, Kim McCain





## University of Missouri

# LIBRARY SCIENCE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

*Join us for an information session about obtaining MU's popular master's degree in Library Science.*

We invite you to come and learn about the exciting opportunities available for graduates of our American Library Association (ALA)-accredited Master's program.

The session will start with a presentation about the library science curriculum and close with an open, informal time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served.

Get the degree without going to Missouri – Classes are offered in Nebraska as part of the cooperative program with the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

*Omaha, NE*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

**1:00 P.M.**

**224 Kayser Hall**

University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO)  
6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68182

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*For More Information*

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**Current Students – Don't miss this opportunity to meet with your advisor following the Q&A session.**

## Nebraskans to Read *The Home Place*

One Book One Nebraska 2010 invites citizens across the state to read *The Home Place*, by Wright Morris, a native of Central City, Nebraska. This “photo-text” is an account in first-person narrative and photographs of the one-day visit of Clyde Muncy to “the home place” at Lone Tree, Nebraska. A ground-breaking work, it has been called “as near to a new fiction form as you could get.”

The Nebraska Center for the Book board selected *The Home Place* for Nebraska’s statewide read to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Wright Morris. Morris is regarded as one of America’s most gifted novelists and photographers. Internationally recognized, he received the National Book Award in 1957 for *The Field of Vision* and the American Book Award in 1981 for *Plains Song*. Morris utilizes his Nebraska and Great Plains boyhood experiences as themes in his work. 2010 One Book One Nebraska is hosted by the Lone Tree Literary Society, <http://www.wrightmorris.org>, and sponsored by a coalition of organizations including the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Association, Nebraska Library Commission, and University of Nebraska Press.

Libraries across Nebraska are joining the Lone Tree Literary Society and other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this

book. The Lone Tree Literary Society will sponsor activities throughout the year to help highlight One Book One Nebraska, including the Wright Morris Centennial Year Conference on October 9, 2010. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities are available at [http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/onebook/2010/get\\_involved.htm](http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/onebook/2010/get_involved.htm).



Gov. Dave Heineman launched the statewide initiative with a proclamation encouraging all residents of Nebraska to participate by reading the book, joining community book discussion groups, and participating in local community events. A Website, hosted at the Nebraska Library Commission, can be accessed at <http://www.onebookonenebraska.org>. It features book discussion materials, a downloadable poster and press kit to help with publicity, information for library loan of book club kits, and a calendar of events. The site also includes information about how

to schedule an event in your community and how to apply for funding from the Nebraska Humanities Council for a program on Wright Morris. Go to <http://www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/speakersindex.html>, and <http://www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/hrceligibility.html> for application and eligibility requirements.

For more information contact Mary Jo Ryan, Nebraska Library Commission Communications Coordinator, 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665, e-mail: [maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov](mailto:maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov).

## What's Up at Nebraska Library Commission?

Library Improvement Grants totaling \$51,346 were recently awarded to five Nebraska public libraries. The Nebraska Library Commission had requests for nearly \$263,000 but had available funding of less than one-third that amount of federal LSTA funds to distribute. Because of this it was not able to fund the majority of the proposals made. The following libraries will be receiving grants (after July 1, 2010, due to budget limitations):

- Bennington Public Library -- \$3,380 for technology-related improvements
- Columbus Public Library -- \$22,690 for a public computer lab
- Keene Memorial Library -- \$3,930 for an emergent literacy program
- Goodall City Library -- \$1,346 for a barcode scanner replacement project
- Omaha Public Library -- \$20,000 for "Welcome to Your Public Library" video for refugees

refugees

In addition to these five libraries, three additional libraries had grant applications that were reviewed favorably. These three libraries are among those that would qualify to receive a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant under the federal stimulus program if Nebraska is successful in receiving that federal grant. (The Commission will learn the status of this grant in September 2010.) If the BTOP grant is not received, the following three libraries will receive federal LSTA grant funds for their projects:

- Hartington Public Library -- \$4,242 for upgrading its technology lab
- South Sioux City Public Library -- \$10,510 for a mobile computer lab
- Wayne Public Library -- \$7,311 for a mobile computer lab, extending wireless access, software and peripherals

For questions concerning these grants, contact Richard Miller at [Richard Miller](mailto:Richard.Miller@nlc.state.ne.us), or 800-307-2665.

## One Book for Nebraska Teens

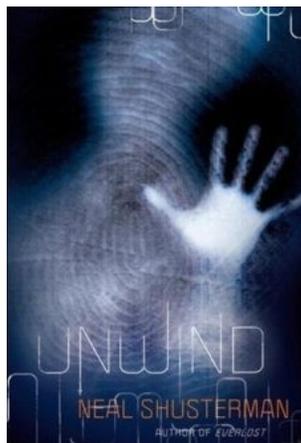
One Book for Nebraska Teens is underway. Librarians and students across the state are encouraged to read and discuss *Unwind*, by Neal Shusterman which tells of a future America where parents can choose to have their children between the ages of 13 – 18, "unwound" (their body parts are harvested and given to others). Connor, 16, is shocked when his parents tell him they decided to have him unwound. He runs away and strives to survive, encountering others like himself.

The Nebraska Library Commission is distributing book bags containing fourteen paperback copies to the regional library

systems, and has one set of books housed here. Discussion questions, activities, puzzles and background information may be found at: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/obonk.html>.

To borrow the book bags, contact Nebraska Library Commission Information and Reference Services, 402-471-4016, 800-307-2665, or the Regional Library System offices. (Southeast Library System, 402-467-6188 or [yvonneweers@windstream.net](mailto:yvonneweers@windstream.net) or [www.selsne.org](http://www.selsne.org)). For more information contact Sally Snyder at

([sally.snyder@nebraska.gov](mailto:sally.snyder@nebraska.gov)) Nebraska Library Commission Youth Services Coordinator, 402-471-4003, 800-307-2665.



# PLA Virtual Conference

JOIN SELS IN ATTENDING PLA VIRTUALLY  
MARCH 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

PLA is offering a great way to participate in and enjoy conferences, even if you can't be there in person. A Virtual Conference will be held at Seward Memorial Library during the upcoming PLA 2010 National Conference. The Virtual Conference will consist of live programming on Thursday, March 25 and Friday, March 26. The virtual conference will include five hour-long, live programs on each day, plus an hour long author interview. Programs are chosen from among the highest rated in PLA's session preference survey. Each day also will include a lunchtime author interview and a closing session 'happy hour' event for attendees to get together and discuss the day's programming. Sessions start at 8 a.m. each day and wrap up by 4. Program sessions include:

**If You Didn't Work Here, Would You Come Here?** - Do you ever feel like you're missing an important segment of your population? Where are all those quarter-life adults and young professionals? If you look around and do not see them, they are your new underserved population. With an impressive panel of speakers from across the U.S., find out how to connect with this elusive group through innovative programming, direct marketing, and smart connections. If you didn't work in the library, would you use it?

**Cross Over Readers Advisory** - Presenters will focus on the appeal of teen books for adult readers and adult books for teen readers. Also will detail how to suggest crossover books using RA techniques and real life scenarios.

**LITA's Top Technology Trends** - At the end of this program participants will have a better understanding of the variety of complex information technology issue currently facing public libraries. Participants also will hear a number of varying viewpoints from which to approach these issues.

**Marketing as Conversation: How to Interact with Your Community Through Your Website** - Your staff members represent your organization to the customers they encounter at the desk. How about through your library's website? Incorporate conversations using blogging and emerging social networking tools like Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter. Presenter will show how to encourage staff to participate and engage patrons at small and large libraries.

**Cracking the Code: Beyond Dewey Words vs. Numbers: Word-based organization** has become a much-talked about trend in public libraries. Using words instead of the Dewey Decimal Classification System provides customers the ability to browse and find exactly what they want without having to interpret numerical codes. This invigorating panel will focus on the process of implementing word-based systems and discuss why libraries are deciding to break down barriers so they can make searching more intuitive for customers.

**Advanced Black Belt Librarians: The Top Ten Security Issues in Public Libraries** - Warren Graham, author of *Advanced Black Belt Librarians*, will share the top ten security issues he has encountered in public libraries across the country and techniques on how to successfully respond.

**S.Y.A.S.S. Save Your After School Sanity** - Teen behavior can range from perfectly pleasant to mere nuisance to outright hazardous. If your teens are out of control, learn how your staff can work together with an appropriate, unified response to create after school peace in your library. Use community resources to help your staff look at environments, examine their practices and preconceived notions, and turn things around. We did it and you can, too!

**Shortcuts to Greatness or 10 Things Great Libraries Know and Maybe You Don't** - What makes a library great? Are there shortcuts to greatness? Have you heard that it takes years to change a library culture and you don't have that long? In this program, library consultant and Executive Director of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative, Karen Hyman reveals what great organizations know that you can borrow, adapt, or shamelessly copy to jumpstart your library's move to greatness.

Southeast Library System will register for a group program and anticipate that the cost for you to join us will be \$50 or less, depending on the interest. Seward Memorial Library will be the site for attending. **So, please let us know by March 5<sup>th</sup> if you are interested.**

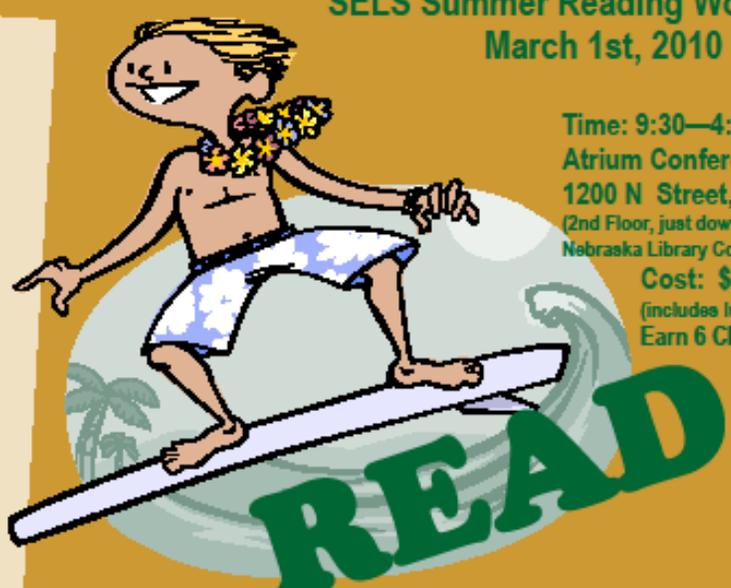
# SELS Summer Reading Workshop

Make a Splash

SELS Summer Reading Workshop  
March 1st, 2010

Time: 9:30—4:00  
Atrium Conference Room  
1200 N Street, Lincoln  
(2nd Floor, just down the hall from  
Nebraska Library Commission)

Cost: \$15  
(includes lunch)  
Earn 6 CE Credits



**9:00—9:30:** Check in and refreshments.

**9:30—10:30:** Book Reviews with Sally Snyder - featuring titles for youth from picture books to older teens, both fiction and non-fiction—all of which would fit with the 2010 Summer Reading theme.

**10:30—10:45:** Break

**10:45 to Noon:** James Solheim, Author of: *It's Disgusting and We Ate It* and his new book *Born Yesterday: The Diary of a Young Journalist*.

**Lunch**

**1-3: Summer Reading Craft & Project Ideas**— We'll share some of what we think are great ideas from the 2010 Summer Reading Manual, then we want you to share your ideas with your fellow librarians. So come ready to share an idea for a book or craft or activity for this summer. Bring copies to share.

**3-4: Die Cut Time**— We'll have cutting machines and dies available for use in making cut-outs for bulletin boards, bookmarks, decorations— whatever. Just bring your own construction paper. You can find a list of SELS dies on our website under services & equipment: [www.selsne.org](http://www.selsne.org).

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Send Registration by  
February 24th to:  
Southeast Library System  
5730 R St., Suite C-1  
Lincoln, NE 68505  
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## What is a *Virtual* Paraprofessional Spring Meeting?

Save the Date for the Paraprofessional Spring Meeting!

Get ready to learn new tricks and earn Continuing Education credits enjoyably at this year's Paraprofessional Spring Meeting, which will be held at the Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln on Thursday, March 18, 2010, from 9:45 am to 1 pm, Central Time, followed by our section's annual General Meeting. (Please note new starting time.)



This year we are using a new online live webinar format designed to allow participants to “attend” the meeting conveniently from their own desks; all you need is an internet connection! Get together with colleagues or watch on your own. Group viewings will be held in Lincoln at the Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N St.) and in Omaha at the Eastern Library System offices (11929 Elm Street, Suite 18, just off 120th and West Center Road); other get-togethers can be arranged upon request. Our theme this year is *Information, Education, & Motivation @ Your Library*. On the program:

- 9:45–10:00 a.m. **Check-in/Log-in Remarks by Scott Childers, NLA President**
- 10:00–10:05 a.m. **Welcome from Para Chair, Angela Kroeger**
- 10:05–10:55 a.m. **Session I: “Searching 2.0”**, presented by Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission
- 11:00–11:50 p.m. **Session II: “Give Up to Go Up: Leading from Within**, presented by Dr. Rebecca Pasco, Coordinator of Library Science Education Programs, University of Nebraska–Omaha
- 12:00–12:50 p.m. **Session III: “There’s a Wiki in the Library!”**, presenter Gregory Sunderman, Instructional Designer, Northeast Community College
- 1:00–1:45 p.m. **Paraprofessionals Spring General Meeting**

**Session I: “Searching 2.0”** : *Trainer Michael Sauers applies the super-search strategies he is known for to the latest generation of Web tools. Blogs, RSS, Flickr, podcasting, mashups, the read/write Web, Google, visual search engines, folksonomies, Firefox Search Plugins, Del.icio.us, and more. Irreverent and fun, this presentation will expose you to some of the more recent tools that make the most of the Web 2.0 environment: from improving basic search skills and evaluating search results to making the best use of search engines, both common and cutting-edge. Sauers will also show you how best to organize your resources for quick access at the reference desk.*

**Session II: “Give Up to Go Up: Leading from Within”**: *Dr. Pasco will discuss the importance and significance of “letting go” in order to be an effective leader. This is a motivational presentation for folks whose heavy loads are “self-inflicted” because they won’t or can’t say no, or won’t or can’t prioritize. Are you one of them? Help is at hand!*

## Branding for Libraries Workshop

The Plattsmouth Public Library will be hosting a workshop on Branding for Libraries on March 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 12. You are invited to attend for a registration fee of only \$5. Leading the workshop will be a representative from Bozell Advertising. The workshop is at the library at: 401 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, (402)296-4154 .

Library Journal's blog (Bubble Room) just had a great entry on the topic from Alison Circle – Library Branding 101: <http://www.libraryjournal.com/blog/820000682/post/1180039718.html>. She cites Creating Your Library Brand by Elisabeth Doucett on the necessity of libraries communicating their relevance and value to customers. Two quotes from the blog and book:

"Branding helps libraries develop a laser-sharp message about the role they play in their communities, and it helps them ensure that the message is delivered in a way that will have a measurable impact on potential users. "libraries can no longer expect that they will automatically maintain their current

users and also bring in the next generation of users"

~ The tool to help? Marketing.

You're invited to attend this timely workshop. The Plattsmouth Public Library received a Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education Grant to help fund. Please let me know if you have questions, and I'll hope to see you there.

Brenda

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~ Elisabeth Doucett

## Virtual Paraprofessional Spring Meeting

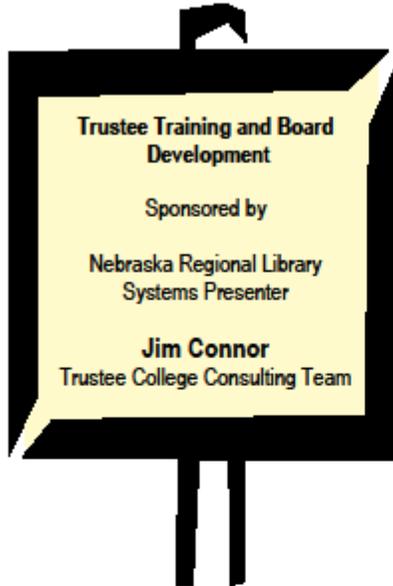
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**Session III:** "There's a Wiki in the Library!": *Learn innovative ways to use wikis in a library setting. Manage library documents, create policy archives or simply communicate. Greg Sunderman will show you the ins and outs of the library wiki!*

**Paraprofessionals Spring General Meeting:** Angela Kroeger, Paraprofessional Chair, will guide us through our annual spring meeting. Those who have paid for lunch at the Omaha or Lincoln site will have lunch at this time. If you prefer, you may bring your own lunch. Enjoy this opportunity to learn new things, network with other library people, and earn CE credits (3 hours for the day), without driving miles! Scholarships are available.

For more information and a registration form, see <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paraspringmeeting.html>, or contact Martha Grenzeback, Spring Meeting Chair, at [graymatters@windstream.net](mailto:graymatters@windstream.net), or 402-250-7230.

# Trustee Training and Board Development Workshp



April 29, 2010  
 North Platte Community College  
 1101 Halligan Dr #102, North Platte, NE  
 Cost \$5  
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Morning Session  
 12:00—1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own  
 1:00—4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

Jim has worked with the US Chamber of Commerce and served as a Trustee for the Jefferson County Public Library (CO). He received the ALA Trustee Award in 2005 for his activities and training for library boards.

Audience: Boards of Trustees and Library Directors

Workshop Goals:

- Trustees will understand their roles and responsibilities
- Trustees will understand the library director's roles and responsibilities
- Trustees will conduct effective meetings
- Trustees will become advocates for the library
- Trustees will recognize and utilize their power as an administrative board

Offered at two locations. Please note the cost difference.

April 26, 2010  
 Wahoo Public Library  
 627 N Broadway, Wahoo, NE  
 Cost: \$15.00  
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Morning Session  
 12:00—1:00 p.m. Lunch included  
 1:00—4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

Mail registration to: Meridian Library System, 3423 2nd Avenue, Suite 6, Kearney, NE 68847  
 Or Phone: 1-800-657-2192, or 308-234-2087, Email: meridian@frontiernet.net

**Registration:**

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Library: \_\_\_\_\_  Wahoo Location \$15

City: \_\_\_\_\_  North Platte Location \$5

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ This program is sponsored by the Nebraska Library commission and funded in part with state funds allocated through the Nebraska Legislature.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Minutes from the SELS Board Meeting

SELS Board Meeting  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Harding Shultz Law Firm, Lincoln**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**12:30 Lunch with Senator(s)**

**Board Members Present:** Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln); Adam Prochaska (Harding & Shultz Law Firm, Lincoln); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library); Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools, Adams).

**Also Present:** Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator). Senator Bill Avery and Pat Leach (Lincoln City Libraries) joined us for lunch.

**Board Members Absent:** Scott Childers (University of Nebraska Lincoln Libraries); Barbara Cornelius (Nebraska Wesleyan University, Cochran-Woods Library); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Wanda Mar-get (Fairmont Public Library); Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office).

Meeting called to order by President Barbara Hegr.

### What's New Around the System

#### **Becky Baker** (Seward Memorial Library)

We are enjoying our break between program sessions - a time to catch up on things. We recently finished a silent auction on donated baskets, and brought in \$590 for our Friends group. The Friends also hosted a book fair in November and the books that didn't sell that day are in the library for sale until Dec. 17 when whatever is left will be returned. Our wish list tree is up and we've received a few things already. The display case in our library features memory ornaments that friends and family have donated in honor of those who have passed away - they will be in the display case throughout the month. We are working hard at finishing up inventory of the library collection before the spring session of programs begin in February.

#### **Ruth Carlock** (Levitt Library York College)

York College is preparing for the end of this semester with finals the 14-17 of December. The students are busy in the library writing their last papers. Our library Christmas party is on Friday, December 4, when our work-study students eat home cooked food and decorate the library for Christmas. We are looking forward to the break between December 18, 2009 and January 6, 2010.

#### **Scott Childers** (University of Nebraska - Lincoln Libraries)

The main discussion at UNL is what the budget adjustment will be. We don't have final numbers yet, but purchasing has been slowed dramatically and hiring is continuing to be frozen.

#### **Barbara Cornelius** (Nebraska Wesleyan University, Cochran-Woods Library)

We are in the middle of the budget approval process, and evaluating new software for our library catalog. Our semester ends soon - our students are currently preparing for finals and finishing up term papers. We'll be getting back to a weeding project over the Winter break.

*Karen Frank* (Greenwood Public Library)

We recently had a major weeding project at Greenwood. Books were changed so all non-fiction genre were put together in one spot regardless of age of person checking out book. We also weeded any book that had not been checked out in 5 years in fiction & non-fiction. We usually have an April Adopt A Book (books for sale)

but because of our large quantity of books now, we are having a Holiday Adopt A Book. So far, it has been very successful. Books are leaving the Library and our coffers are getting a boost.

You gotta love the snow in Nebraska!! Where else is the excuse "I can't get out of my driveway" acceptable?

*Barbara Hegr* (Morton-James Public Library - Nebraska City)

As we have done for several years, our library decorated for the holidays. Ten decorated trees are placed throughout the building as well as other holiday decorations. The Boy Scouts, Tree City Garden Club and Beta Gamma/Bet Sigma Phi sorority helped with the decorating. Carol Boyce, our library board president, coordinated and created the design. Last Saturday's holiday story time was a big hit. Over 100 children attended the two sessions. Children heard a story, decorated cookies, played bingo and met with Santa. Next up is our first holiday cookie contest this Saturday. With all of the the snow this week, I'm not sure about our attendance for this event. December 21 & 22 the staff will bring cookies to share with our patrons. Happy Holidays everyone!

*Wanda Marget* (Fairmont Public Library)

The Fairmont Public Library has been full of activity with our Christmas crafts for the kids. This year we sewed Christmas Stockings and will be making Gingerbread houses, each year this seems to grow. This December we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in our current building. It was interesting to bring out those old pictures to show we are busting at the seams. We will also be having a Medicare part D Prescription plan look-up and enrollment for our seniors. I keep striving to get more open hours to give our youth a place to go. We are currently open two evenings a week until 9 p.m.

*Kim McCain* (Tri-County Schools - DeWitt)

We are having fun here. I have been working with teachers on research projects ranging from explorers to scientists that include some type of technology component. Another teacher and I are helping students after school with projects for History Day. I like how History Day has the research designed using primary and secondary sources. I also worked with 8th graders on website evaluation. We did have another technology issue where our yearbook files were deleted and there was no backup. So just my holiday reminder to all of you is back up and back up often! Have a Merry One!

*Kent Munster* (Clark Enersen Partners - Lincoln)

The end of every calendar year tends to be very busy for us and as usual a few library design projects are part of that mix. The renovated Leawood Pioneer Library--part of the Johnson County Library system in Kansas City--was dedicated on October 17th. We've been working on the design of this library for over 4 years, and as always, seeing users enjoying the new features of their library is the best part of the job. The JCL website features a video of the dedication ceremony and a tour of the new space (at about 14:07 into the video) if you'd like to see a little of this 20,000 sf branch library. [http://www.jocolibrary.org/templates/JCL\\_InfoPage.aspx?id=1867](http://www.jocolibrary.org/templates/JCL_InfoPage.aspx?id=1867)

*Adam Prochaska* (Harding & Shultz Legal Firm - Lincoln)

Our firm is in the middle of a long overdue office remodel with new paint on the walls and new carpet on the floors. This has caused a great deal of disruption in day to day life at Harding & Shultz. Also, I am half way through The Nine and would recommend it as an interesting in-depth look at the Supreme Court: [http://www.amazon.com/Nine-Inside-Secret-Supreme-ebook/dp/B0013TPXN6/ref=dp\\_kinw\\_strp\\_1?ie=UTF8&m=AG56TWVU5XWC2](http://www.amazon.com/Nine-Inside-Secret-Supreme-ebook/dp/B0013TPXN6/ref=dp_kinw_strp_1?ie=UTF8&m=AG56TWVU5XWC2)

*Tom Schmitz* (Lincoln Regional Center Library)

The Lincoln Regional Center is always adapting to change. Currently most of the programs are full and that makes the Resource Center a very busy place. With the nice weather we have had, the patients were able to come over to the Center. With adverse conditions, they send requests and my mail is full of them. I did get my two new patient computers and updated the user policy for them. The patients have been quick to see the advantages and I am even teaching some of them how to improve their communication skills and find community resources.

**Robin Sugden** (Freeman Public Schools - Adams)

What a great time of year it is here at Freeman! We hosted author Marc Brown's sister, Kim Brown who is "the real D.W." She was a treat. It was amazing how she looked a lot like her character. We had a Barnes and Noble book fair the weekend of volleyball state tournament. Our speech students are working fast and furious on completing their final speeches. I added a Kindergarten reading group right after my First grade group for our RTI time. I am getting my elementary teachers working on their timelines as to when and what their research projects will be when we come back from break. As a high school teacher, I am trying to help keep students focused and keep students caught up on their projects and grades as the semester end is nearing. My first semester of Virtual High School is coming to a close and we will be gearing up for semester 2 after break. I really liked the program the first semester. Every day is different and that is great thing about a K-12/community situation. On the community library side, a perk we had was a patron came in because her computer had crashed. She came in to use the computer to send her ultrasound pictures to her family members for Christmas. She also checked out books for her children. Once again, everyday is different and most of the time has a perk!

**Glenda Willnerd** (Lincoln Public Schools District Office)

Lincoln Public Schools hosted another successful MOSAIC exhibit. Our traveling exhibit will now go out into the schools so that students can enjoy the new multicultural titles that were on display. Many university classes and groups visited the display.

Lincoln Public Schools welcomed children's author Tom Birdseye to Lincoln. He spent a week's residency at Roper Elementary and then visited six more elementary schools the following week.

Eight library media specialists from Lincoln Public Schools attended the American Association of School Librarians Conference in Charlotte, NC in November.

December is a time to reflect upon the past year and we are rejoicing that we have 60 wonderful library media specialists and were the recipient of Title I funds to help those Title I schools that needed to upgrade their collections. We will continue to collaborate with Federal Programs to assist them with their Family Literacy Programs.

We have submitted a proposal to present at the National Family Literacy Conference in April, 2010

**John Dale** (NLC Commissioner)

**Senator Avery** joined the SELS Board for lunch and shared as a part of the round robin current issues that he has on his agenda in looking toward the 2010 Legislative Session. He commented that with a deficit any bill submitted with a fiscal note would most likely not go anywhere. His office carried 27 bills last year and has about 30 on their list for this session that they will need to pare down. Some of the issues on his list to address are: support of the arena in Lincoln; Nebraska School Activities Association compliance with Open Meeting Laws; Mandatory DNA testing for felons and restructuring of higher education administration. Avery is chair of the Government Committee.

**Approval of Minutes**

Becky Baker moved to approve the minutes, and Tom Schmitz seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Report**

**Administrative Assistant Position**

The Board discussed questions to ask at the interviews and activities to have the applicants demonstrate. The position will be 25 hours a week at \$12.00 an hour. This saves \$6,911 in our budget. We hope to go back to 30 hours a week in the future. Brenda will start scheduling interviews in January. Brenda, Barbara H. and Ruth will conduct the interviews and Jenni Puchalla, former administrative assistant, will be invited to help if she can work it into her schedule. Becky suggested we have the applicants make a spread-sheet in Excel, have them read a story and summarize it to get an idea of their ability to compose, and have them prepare a flyer in publisher. They should be asked how they would answer the phone, and if they know how to update a Web page. The suggestion was made to find someone who had taken Dr. Pasco's classes. We need to consider their goal for wanting a part time job. It would be good to have someone who would stay with SELS a number of years. It was suggested we check Facebook and Google on each individual. We are not to ask about family, race, religion, or age. Becky will email some questions to Brenda. The first six months will be an introductory period to determine their fit for the job. It was suggested we ask the auditor about questions to ask. Brenda has 6 applications at present.

### **SELS Budget (Current fiscal and next) Discussion**

Lowering the pay and hours of the Administrative Assistant will save \$6,911. A 5% cut of the budget would be \$5,821. Brenda went over the Budget Report. She had highlighted lines in yellow that didn't match up with the itemized list and planned to go over these with Jenni. Brenda explained what had caused the difference for most. Basic Skills expenses were billed to NLC for \$307.48, as well as mileage for Scott and Brenda's attendance at the Quarterly meeting in Grand Island which will be approximately \$60. The reimbursement from NLA for Gary Moore's lodging is \$133. An invoice is coming from corrections for \$500. Brenda mentioned expected expenses totaling \$3674. The One Book Many Librarians session at conference expense should be around \$200. Gary Riggs bill for SELS is still out. Brenda will be requesting the NLC payment for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The current balance in the checking account is \$5372.11.

Becky made the motion to approve the financial report and Adam seconded. The motion passed.

### **Board Member service for Friends and SELS (Discussion)**

Brenda talked about the open meeting laws since we are a 501c3 organization. She will mention these to Ken Winston to know how they relate to SELS. Senator Avery connected open meeting laws as a requirement for organizations receiving state money. There was discussion related to a person serving on both the SELS board and the Friends board. Adam discussed making the Friends relationship transparent. Brenda pointed out a conflict that had taken place at an Executive Committee meeting on the budget shortfall when Karen withdrew because she felt there was a conflict of interest with her service on the Friends board. Adam emphasized that the Friends group serves a good purpose. Becky explained the Friends group began as a committee and then the board decided it would be more effective as a separate group, with less opportunity for SELS services to member libraries to conflict with Friends activities. The Friends is a separate organization that operates under the umbrella of SELS as a 501c3. A primary reason for having a Friends group rather than a SELS fundraising committee was to make an effort to steer clear of what might be interpreted as a bias to one group or the other. It was suggested that a person shouldn't be an officer in SELS and also serve on the Friends' board. Adam suggested having the Friends present a transaction report at each SELS meeting. Becky stated there is nothing to hide as far as the Friends finances. When Lisa gets the information from Jenni, they can make a transaction report available to SELS. SELS needs to give the Friends a Wish List. The Wish List could be for paying some concrete expense or the Friends could sponsor some of the activities, workshops, etc. The Friends need the list to have a reason to fundraise. The Wish List needs to be prioritized. We need to compare the Memorandum of Understanding form and the Mission Statement of the Friends. It was decided it was not good to be an officer on the SELS Board, and be on the Friends Board at the same time. Becky offered to visit with Karen Frank about the conflict, since she is an SELS Board officer and on the SELS Friends Board. Kent asked if SELS had ever been in the position of not having enough finances to meet budget expenses, and Brenda said it had not happened in her 12 years with SELS. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting with a review of the Memo of Understanding and the Friends Mission Statement.

SELS Plan – Scratched off – not discussed.

### **Administrator's Report**

Libraries seem to be happy with Apollo as a part of the group automation purchase on behalf of small public libraries in SELS.

SoLiS was distributed electronically – NLC maintains the list – No feedback – Need to compare print and email mailing list.

About 30 attended the Friends *Speed Reviews* at the NLA/NEMA Conference in LaVista. Kent participated and stated it was fun. They sold out of the books *Playing With the Enemy* by Gary Moore after his presentation. November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> an e-mail message titled *Friday Fritter* was sent out as a means of communicating and sharing information.

Nine attended the Basic Skills course at the Waterloo Public Library. The class was done jointly with Kathy Tooker and Eastern Library System.

Thirty-five attended the Tracie D. Hall Workshop, *Please Blow Up This Reference Desk*, at the Walt Branch Library in Lincoln on November 12.

Forty-six attended the ELS/SELS Fall Colloquium with Tracie D. Hall. No money was contributed to the cost of bringing her in since we did not receive grant funding from NLC or partner with academic libraries on the program.

Nine attended the CASTL meeting hosted by Glenda Willnerd at Lincoln Public Schools on November 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a huge MOSAIC display of multicultural materials. A list of the books can be obtained from Lincoln Public School office.

The System Administrator's meeting was held at the Eastern Library System Office in Omaha on October 27<sup>th</sup>. NLC is cutting back on grant money. CE grant applications are due December 17, and Library Improvement applications are due January 6.

Maggie Harding's husband Gene died on November 6<sup>th</sup>. She presently is living in Colorado.

November 13<sup>th</sup> Brenda attended the Public Resource Library Group (PRLG) meeting at Kilgore Memorial Library in York with Kathy Tooker. One of the issues the PRLG wants to address collaboratively with Systems is the current review of Nebraska Public Library Accreditation Guidelines.

December 4<sup>th</sup> Brenda attended the NLA Board meeting at Sump Memorial Library in Papillion. She is chairperson of the Auditing Committee.

October 14<sup>th</sup> Brenda attended and assisted with the Ellen Klages (Green Glass Sea) tour and visits in Seward and Plattsmouth for One Book for Nebraska Kids. She will only be reimbursed for mileage at 42 cents per mile.

November 13<sup>th</sup> Brenda and Barbara H. attended the NLC Commissioners meeting. They talked about the budget and responded to questions from the Commissioners regarding SELS and Systems.

A letter has been sent to the SELS mailing list regarding service cuts due to the budget shortfall.

Jenni Puchalla submitted a letter of resignation on October 19<sup>th</sup> effective October 30, 2009.

February 5 will be the next SELS Board Meeting.

February 9<sup>th</sup> is NLA Legislative Day.

February 26<sup>th</sup> is the Summer Reading Workshop.

### **SELS Friends Report**

The SELS Friends Board met on October 21st. They waived the repayment of the \$750 loan to SELS. The bank account was moved to Union Bank to relieve the Administrative Assistant of these duties. They determined that maintaining the current status as an SELS subsidiary was best for now. A Friends mission statement was developed. They are still planning a cookbook, and Becky asked us to add our favorite recipes. The fundraising plans for the Conference went well. They will not be doing the crochet silent auction again as the iPod raffle did much better. They will be given \$311.42 for the Barnes and Noble book fair. The Friends bylaws were updated. A Scholarship Application Form is ready, and Becky brought samples for viewing. Systems members and systems Friends members have priority for a scholarship. The scholarship can be used for any type of training or education, and can include expenses other than registration fees. One could be used for NLA, NEMA, or system sponsored events, or regional or national library conferences. The 2010 projects include Aged to Perfection in April, private movie showings and ongoing candy sales. The Iron Librarian Day was postponed until next summer. As of December 7, the Friends had \$4741.07 in a money market account.

### **NLC Report**

Richard is attending the Nebraska Association of County Officials.

### **Committee Meetings**

Committee assignments for 2009/2010:

**CE Committee:** Becky Baker, Karen Frank, Kim McCain, Glenda Willnerd, Scott Childers, Adam Prochaska, Barbara Cornelius

**Network Committee:** Barbara Hegr, Ruth Carlock, Wanda Marget, Kent Munster, Tom Schmitz, Robin Sugden

**Executive Committee (Bylaws & Policies):** Barbara Hegr, Karen Frank, Ruth Carlock

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

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## January/February 2010

“I hope to hell that when I do die somebody has the sense to just dump me in the river or something. Anything except sticking me in a goddam cemetery. People coming and putting a bunch of flowers on your stomach on Sunday, and all that crap. Who wants flowers when you're dead? Nobody.”

~ J.D. Salinger

(Salinger, author of *The Catcher in the Rye*, died January 27, 2010 at the age of 91)



Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: [www.selsne.org](http://www.selsne.org).) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.